momGuesswhat

mgw 506

newsMagazine

FREE june 15 05

WE'VE GOT A WHOLE NEW LOOK AND WE'RE BETTER THAN EVER!

GOLDRUSH

ARI GOLD IS THE BEST ARTIST YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF.

Volume 28 / issue 506

hp

At HP, we believe that our position as one of the world's leading technology companies is directly linked to our commitment to diversity. Our commitment to diversity includes our LGBT employees, partners, and customers. HP is honored to be a technology provider to the LGBT community and is a proud sponsor of Sacramento Pride. Visit hp.com/go/diversity, jobs.hp.com, and hpshopping.com

hp invent

Hewlett-Packard is an Equal Opportunity Employer, dedicated to workforce diversity.

ENTERTAINING. EXCITING. INFORMATIVE.

MGW
momGuesswhat
Newsmagazine

1103 T STREET
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
voice: 916.441.6397
fax: 916.441.6422
email: info@mgwnews.com
ESTABLISHED 1978
issn: 1093-5908
address service requested
Published by Guess What Media, LLC

EXECUTIVE PUBLISHERS
Jeffry A. Davis
Terry Sidie

PUBLISHER'S ASSISTANT
Tristan Roberts

EDITORIAL MANAGER
Matthew Burlingame

CALENDAR EDITOR
Phillip Samaniego

ART DIRECTOR
Jason Malmberg

CONTRIBUTING ARTISTS
AJ Quadros

CONTRIBUTING COLUMNISTS
Ricky Diaz Anaya
Wayne Anderson
Matthew Burlingame
Sam Catalano
Sonya Cox
Merle Exit
Shira Davida Goldberg
Stefan Gruenwedel
Pat Hewitt
Boyce Hinman
Brian Judd
Gayiel Von
Jessica Rabbit
M. A. Ross
Daniel Roth
Phillip Samaniego
Michael Shanahan
Tom Swanner
Jenn Thornton
Katrina Torres
Christian Troy
Matthew Tsein
David Warpness
Steven Willey
Margie Covino

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS
Peter James
Ed Kelley
Larry McFall
Rocky Raybon
Pauline Roberts
Jon Shelton
Mike Walker
Cameron Yee

CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHERS
Steve Appel
Mike Cook
Jeffry Davis
Curtis Hagen
Pat Hewitt
Peter James
Larry McFall
Rocky Raybon

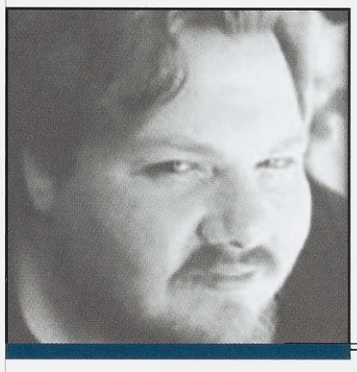
ADVERTISING NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
(916) 441-6397
Jeffry Davis • Matthew Burlingame

NATIONAL ADVERTISING
Rivendell Media • 212.242.6863

SUBSCRIPTIONS
Bulk Mail - $30/year
First Class - $61/year
Canada - $70/year
Foreign - $80/year

ASSOCIATIONS
National Gay & Lesbian Journalist Association
Society of Professional Journalists
Midtown Business Association
Alternative Press Syndicate
Rainbow Chamber of Commerce
Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Police Advisory Committee

ENTERTAINING. EXCITING. INFORMATIVE.®



FROM THE EDITOR

Each culture has its own version of a "New Year". For the western world it is January 1, for the Chinese culture it is late January to early February, and the Muslim religion celebrates in February.

The New Year symbolizes rebirth and renewal; a chance to make a new start. For gay culture, June is the month of pride and a time to reflect on who we are, how far we've come and how far we still have to go. It is the gay New Year.

In your hands is a piece of rebirth and renewal. Sacramento's oldest existing GLBTi newspaper, is now a full-color, glossy newsmagazine. Some will embrace this change; others will undoubtedly not be so thrilled. But everyone will be asking, "why?" Our community has had many newspapers come and go: *The Latest Issue, This Side Up, The Triangle, Q-Ragg, Our Families,* among others. They all had one thing in common: they didn't like the options that existed and they tried to create an alternative. That, and almost all of the publishers, editors and writers once worked for MGW. I'll leave you to draw your own conclusions on that one.

In the past year, MGW has seen many changes. It had a new owner working as a one-man army to take a newspaper with a dwindling readership and severely damaged reputation and change it into the respected news source it once was. It has become one of the leading sponsors of non-profit organizations and events, donating thousands of dollars of advertising space, giveaways, and cash sponsorships, in order to overcome a reputation of not being a community-supportive business. It has merged with another community paper, embracing its staff as family. And now, it is being reborn into a form worthy of Sacramento's rising place in this country's gay movement.

We've seen a huge number of changes in our community, many happening so quickly we can barely keep up. Our small businesses are collapsing, our non-profits are suffering, our victories are huge strides toward equality, but each step forward results in religious-right attacks that are more vicious than ever before. LGTBi culture is undergoing a massive evolution. This is being forced on us by a ruthless right-wing determined to sever the last strands of unity we still have. The rest is that as we assimilate into hetero society, we are shrugging off the constructs we no longer need.

Gay newspapers are a dying industry. As the new owners of MGW began deciding what direction to take the publication, they realized they could prolong the inevitable until it faded into gay history, or—like our culture—help it to evolve. And it is an evolution of which I am very proud. I have always had a special place in my heart for MGW, regardless of the fact that I helped start two of the newspapers listed above. MGW was the closet door I walked through when I stepped out into our community ten years ago. It was where I met my first real gay friends, where my first gay writing was published, where I got my first fan mail, and hate mail.

So this Gay New Year—I hope you'll join all of us in celebrating the rebirth of MGW. And I hope you will join me in making some New Year's resolutions. Some of which are to be more supportive of our non-profits; to support the gay businesses that go the extra mile for our community; to not only speak out against the things that I don't like—but get involved to make them better; and to not let the drama of our community overshadow the good that is being done.

Happy Pride—Happy Gay "News" Year!

Matthew Burlingame

CONTENTS

mgw 506

The Nation / The Wire **Page 5**

Local / The Wire **Page 6**

Opinion / SoapBox **Page 7**

Commentary / Gayiel Von **Page 9**

Feature / Change Is In The Air **Page 10**

Commentary / M.R. Covino **Page 11**

Screen / Film Review **Page 14**

Screen / Swanner & Judd **Page 15**

Tube / Television **Page 17**

Sound / Profile **Page 15**

Cover Story / Golden Boy **Page 19**

Print / Book Reviews **Page 20**

Dine / Child's Play **Page 21**

The Front / HIV Newsline **Page 22**

Body / Metro Sensible **Page 24**

Ask Mother & Tarotscopes Page 26

Business Directory Page 27

Bazaar / Buy Sell Trade **Page 30**

ABOUT

mom guess what? newsmagazine (mgw) is published twice each month on the first and the fifteenth of each month.

copyright 2005 by mgw newspaper. all rights reserved. no portion of mgw, including editorial features, advertising or artwork may be reproduced in whole or part without written permission of the publisher. mgw can assume no liability for errors, whether made by the original news source or by mgw in summarizing or editing the story, beyond the printing of a correction or retraction. • opinions expressed in by-lined articles and letters are those of the writers and do not necessarily represent the opinions of mgw. publication of name, photograph or likeness of any person or organization in articles or advertising is not to be construed as any indication of sexual orientation. any similarity between individuals named or described in works of fiction or semi-fiction and actual persons, living or dead, is purely coincidental. • readers are advised that mgw assumes no responsibility for claims made by the advertiser. • readers who have problems with advertisers are asked to report such problems to mgw. mgw reserves the right to reject any advertising for any reason. • the publisher and mgw newspaper, shall not be liable for any error in published advertising unless an advertising proof is requested in writing and clearly marked for corrections. if the error is not corrected by the publisher, shall not be liable for any omission of an advertisement ordered to be published. liability, if any, shall be limited to the rescheduling and the running of the advertisement at the advertisers cost. • all claims for adjustment must be made within 30 days of publication. in no case shall the publisher be liable for any general, special or consequential damages. manuscripts, drawings and photographs may be submitted to the editorial offices. • all reasonable care will be taken but no responsibility can be assumed for any unsolicited material. a stamped, self-addressed envelope must accompany all manuscripts, drawings or photographs submitted if they are to be returned. • all letters addressed to mgw or its editors are assumed intended for publication. names will be withheld upon request

AU URGES TX GOVERNOR NOT TO SIGN BILLS IN CHURCH

Americans United for Separation of Church and State today urged Texas Gov. Rick Perry to drop a plan to sign two controversial bills into law at a Fort Worth church. In a letter to Perry sent today, Americans United warned that the proposed event is a blatant example of exploiting a house of worship for partisan political purposes and could jeopardize the congregation's tax-exempt status.

One bill will require minor girls to have written parental consent before they can get an abortion; another certifies a state constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage that will be on the ballot in November. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that a letter and e-mail from Perry's campaign said that Perry backers "want to completely fill this location with pro-family Christian friends who can celebrate with us" and said they might film the event for TV political advertising later.

"This is one of the most outrageous misuses of a house of worship for political gain that I've ever seen," said the Rev. Barry W. Lynn, executive director of Americans United. "It's of highly dubious legality and could put the church's tax-exemption in jeopardy."

HIV+ CAN STILL PRACTICE COSMETOLOGY

In response to a letter sent by the American Civil Liberties Union, the Arkansas Board of Cosmetology quickly confirmed that people with HIV are not barred from practicing cosmetology in the state. The ACLU sent the letter after the Paragould-based cosmetology school, Hair Tech Beauty College, expelled an HIV+ student, claiming it was illegal for people with HIV to practice cosmetology.

Hair Tech Beauty College dismissed Allan Dugas after he voluntarily informed an instructor at the school that he was HIV+ in order to explain why he needed to leave classes one day. In a written letter sent to Dugas explaining his expulsion, the school claimed that it could not allow Dugas to continue with his studies because of a state regulation that prohibits people with an "infectious or communicable disease" from practicing cosmetology.

LAMBDA LEGAL BLASTS THE CMA FOR HYPOCRISY

Lambda Legal urged a California state appeals court to reject the half truths put forth in a friend-of-the-court brief by the California Medical Association that would allow doctors to discriminate against patients based on the doctors' religious views. The case at hand involves a woman who was denied fertility treatment by her Southern California health care providers because she is a lesbian.

"The California Medical Association wants it both ways--you can't on one hand say that discrimination is bad then on the other provide a road map for how to deny treatment for a particular group of people," said Jennifer C. Pizer, Senior Counsel in Lambda Legal's Western Regional Office in Los Angeles. "CMA's decision to enter this case in support of discrimination against patients is extremely distressing.

THE WIRE

YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR COUNTRY. YOUR WORLD.

TG VETERAN SUES LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FOR DISCRIMINATION

The ACLU filed a lawsuit in federal court against the Library of Congress on behalf of a 25-year veteran of the U.S. Army whose job offer was rescinded after she informed the organization that she was in the process of transitioning from male to female.

"After risking my life for more than 25 years for my country, I've been told I'm not worthy of the freedoms I worked so hard to protect," said Diane Schroer. "All I'm asking is to be judged by my abilities rather than my gender." Schroer, 49, retired from the Army as a Colonel in 2004 after 25 years of distinguished service. As an Airborne Ranger qualified Special Forces officer, Schroer completed over 450 parachute jumps, received numerous decorations including the Defense Superior Service Medal, and was hand-picked to head up a classified national security operation.

"The Library of Congress clearly thought Schroer was the most qualified person for the job," said Sharon McGowan, a staff attorney with the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "The notion that our government would reject the best candidate for a job simply because of her gender is not only patently unfair, but also blatantly illegal."

ORAL ARGUMENTS RE-SCHEDULED FOR 'DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL' COURT CHALLENGE

Oral arguments in Cook v. Rumsfeld, a constitutional court challenge to 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' filed by Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) on December 6, 2004. Judge George A. O'Toole, Jr., will hear arguments regarding the government's motion to dismiss the lawsuit filed on behalf of twelve former service members discharged under the military's gay ban. The plaintiffs are represented by SLDN and the law offices of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP. The SLDN lawsuit asserts that "'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' punishes gay, lesbian and bisexual service members for their sexual orientation and for their private, constitutionally protected conduct. As a result, it has denied and continues to deny them several Constitutional rights, including the right of privacy, equal protection of the law, and freedom of speech." For more information visit www.sldn.org.

BLACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

The 1st annual Juneteenth Celebration, "Black By Popular Demand" will take place Wednesday, June 15, 2005. Come join in the celebration of this historical African American holiday from 8 pm to 12 am at FACES located at 2000 K Street. Check out the Soul Food and drink specials while enjoying live appearances from Gayle Von, Danielle, and Kima LaRue. $5 at the door with all proceeds benefiting the Samaritan Center and Golden Rules Services.

DINNER WITH THE DIETITIAN

CARES' nutrition specialist, Margie Erwin, continues her popular dinner meetings (free dinner!) in the clinic's first floor boardroom, 6-7:30pm, the first Monday (usually) monthly. Call 914-6285 to RSVP then come and enjoy the evening's topic. If you forget to RSVP, come anyway, says Margie!

Topic schedule: June 6, Food & Mood, psychological impact of depression on food intake (speaker: psychologist Dr. Smith); July 11 (second Monday per Independence Day holiday), Grilling Out: food safety tips, cooking ideas—Picnic at McKinley Park (speakers from Refer-a-Chef Catering); Aug. 1, Super Size Me: how America's food culture affects us; Sept. 12, HIV & Hepatitis (speaker: Dr. Neil Flynn); Oct. (no dinner - Margie is in Kenya); Nov. 7, Affording Healthy Food & Accessing Food Programs (speaker: from Sac. Hunger Commission); Dec 5, Holiday Party!

STATE CAPITOL MUSEUM HOSTS EXHIBIT CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH

For the fourth consecutive year, the California State Capitol Museum Second-Floor Capitol Rotunda will display a timeline recognizing the history of gays and lesbians. This timeline provides a glimpse of the trials and tribulations, successes and achievements we have experienced from 1566 to the present. This display is part of a series of Community Pride projects brought to you by the Legislative LGBT Caucus and the Lavender Library Archives and Cultural Exchange. The timeline will be on exhibit during regular Capitol hours through the month of June. For further information contact info@lavenderlibrary.org

AB19 DIES IN CA ASSEMBLY

Assembly Bill 19, the Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act, authored by Assemblymember Mark Leno (D-San Francisco), Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez (D-Los Angeles), and 30 co-authors did not pass the California Assembly with a 37-36 vote. If passed, EQCA-sponsored AB 19 would have granted same-sex couples the right to marry and guarantee religious freedom.

"Today, we saw the true colors of a handful of Democrats and all Republican members who have deserted the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community and voted for discrimination," said Executive Director Geoffrey Kors of Equality California. "This is a bittersweet moment to see so many families coming together for equality and very disappointing to see some legislators turning their backs on our families. The vote was extremely close, and while disappointing, this is a giant step forward that will only build momentum to pass this bill in the near future. This is the farthest any marriage equality legislation has been heard in a state legislature without a court-ordered action. We should be proud of this accomplishment and move forward."

THE WIRE

YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR COUNTRY. YOUR WORLD.

DON'T MISS CARES HAWAIIAN LUAU

Sat., June 18 is the annual Luau Fundraiser for CARES. The clinic's parking lot is miraculously transformed into a delightful party venue with shaded tents, delicious food, a tour of the clinic ... and of course there's the fun and camaraderie. There's more—silent auction, live auction, Polynesian Dancers, and presentation of the CARES Award of Excellence to a local advocate of Sacramento's HIV community. Tickets are $60 in advance - $65 at the door. Elements of the party are donated so all ticket proceeds benefit CARES. Dress casual, with Hawaiian attire encouraged 5-10pm, 1500 21st Street).

EXTRAVAGANZA OF GLBTI PRIDE

FACES, Club 21, Headhunter's and CGNIE have come together and organized an extravaganza of GLBTI Pride for the June Celebration in San Francisco. This includes three floats, a car, and walking contingent taking place on Sunday, June 26, 2005. Volunteers interested in being a part of Sacramento history are encouraged to participate in the nations number one Pride Celebration. For more information contact Large Marge at marge@faces.net

RAINBOW FESTIVAL TO RUN LONGER, ENTRY PRICE REMAINS SAME

Rainbow Festival 2005 will host its signature Street Fair with extended hours, announced Executive Director Paul Crouch. The annual fair is held at 20th & K Streets in Midtown Sacramento, Sunday September 4th (Labor Day Weekend) starting at 10am and will continue this year past its usual 6pm closing time – until 1am. "We have additional headline entertainment at night, including some big names", said Crouch. "People have asked us for years to run into the evening. Now we have the resources to actually do it." Crouch also stated that although not all exhibitors will stay for the nighttime fair, provisions have been made to accommodate the needs of everyone. "I'm certain all of our vendors will truly appreciate the changes we've made. We have a new system that will keep the event fresh into the evening. This year will be a don't-miss festival". Good news for event patrons: the gate entry fee remains only $5. www.rainbow-festival.com

ENTERTAINING. EXCITING. INFORMATIVE.

OPINION

California has the most extensive domestic partner benefits of any state in the union, and the legislature is seriously considering granting full marriage equality to all California couples.

SOAPBOX

COMMENTARY

What I am Proud to Be

By Sam Catalano

Since this is the Pride Edition of MGW, I thought I would announce what I am proud of.

I am proud of serving my country in the military in a time of war.

I am proud of learning that I am worthy of being loved by another man.

I am proud of finally learning that I can love another man.

I am proud of knowing that I am not an abomination or evil or responsible for the end of Western Civilization.

I am proud of the joy and happiness several men and women have brought into my life.

I am proud that I may have brought love, joy and happiness in to the lives of my lovers and friends.

I am proud of living in Sacramento and being part of a wonderful LGBT community full of giving, caring, intelligent, compassionate, funny, and dedicated folks.

I am proud of having Darrell Steinberg and Dave Jones as my Assemblymembers.

I am proud to know so many wonderful heroes like Laurie McBride, Kate Kendall, Geoff Kors, John Duran, Marghe Covino, Kathleen Montgomery, Paul Curtis, Sheila Kuehl, Carole Migden, Mark Leno, John Laird, Jackie Goldberg and Christine Kehoe.

I am proud of wining Mr. Gay Inland Empire and Mr. Long Beach Leather (twice).

I am proud of what help I may have been in advancing gay and lesbian civil rights in CA.

I am proud of being one of the founders of the Stonewall Democratic Club. I am proud of being a mentor to some very special young heroes like Dan Roth and Steve Hansen.

I am proud of being given the opportunity to fight back (through Being Gay Today and MGW) against those who devalue the love and relationships I treasure most.

I am proud to have marched in the Stonewall 25th Anniversary parade in NYC and having been a participant in so many AIDS Quilt displays in Washington DC and around CA.

And, of course, **I am proud** of my fabulous gay home, my fabulous action figure collection and my fabulous dog, Tonka.

Take Time to be Proud and Celebrate

By Daniel Roth, **PRESIDENT STONEWALL DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

Happy Pride!

June is a time for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community to take time and celebrate our many accomplishments.

I was thinking the other day about just how far we have come in the last four years. When I first started working in the legislature in 2001, then Assemblywoman Carole Migden (D-San Francisco) introduced Assembly Bill 25, which added ten rights and responsibilities for California's registered domestic partners. These rights included the ability to make medical decisions for their partners and have the ability to sue for wrongful death should their partner be killed. AB 25 was by far one of the most controversial bills introduced that year, and the Assembly debated over an hour about granting these simple civil rights to gay and lesbian couples. The American Taliban took out full-page ads in newspapers in an attempt to pressure moderate Democrats to oppose these basic rights, but in the end the Democrats in the legislature stood up for basic civil rights, and Democratic Governor Gray Davis signed the bill. However, that same year Assembly member Paul Koretz (D-West Hollywood) introduced a much more radical bill which would have granted Vermont style civil unions for gay and lesbian couples. The bill was so controversial that it was not even granted a hearing in an Assembly committee.

Now, just four years later, we have made amazing strides. California has the most extensive domestic partner benefits of any state in the union, and the legislature is seriously considering granting full marriage equality to all California couples. Whereas four years ago civil unions seemed like a distant dream, now it is the conservative position for legal recognition for same sex couples. However, in the midst of these successes, we still have a long road to full equality. The 2000 census found that same-sex couples live in 99.3 percent of all counties in the United States. However, GLBT families are not treated like all other families under federal law. According to a U.S. General Accounting Office report, same-sex couples are denied more than 1,000 federal benefits and protections of marriage. Employees in same-sex relationships are not given the right to take care of a seriously ill partner or parent of

CELEBRATE CONTINUES PAGE 12

momGuesswhat

MGW

newsMagazine

change is coming.

p 916.441.6397 f 916.441.6422

e info@mgwnews.com

a 1103 T Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

mgwnews.com

MEANDERINGS OF A PISSED-OFF OLD BROAD

by Gayiel Von

Most of you know me as the good time gal, singing for my supper with a big smile that knows everybody by the name of "Honey." That's me, however, there is another side that is starting to take over the Gayiel Von persona. Lately, I find that I spend more time being pissed at the lack of knowledge and action being exercised by a much too complacent and apathetic LGBT community. Let's take that a step further to include the entire community, gay, and straight, blind, crippled and crazy.

When I was asked to write something for the Premiere issue of the new and improved MGW, I asked, "What do you want me to write about?" "Anything you want", they said. At first I started to think that my beat was entertainment but then realized I live in a bit of a bubble, being an old broad and all. So as I sit here, what is occupying my mind and soul at this particular moment is anger.

I was born in 1950, which certainly gives me a sense of history that many young folks don't have, and I admit that our younger generations should not be expected to truly understand the struggles that came before them. I do believe that it is imperative to learn about those struggles as it helps to put your life in perspective. So many of the freedoms you have today are because of the frontline fighting done before you were born. And yet I see that we are facing some of the same issues I was marching for in the sixties. Equality. Tolerance. Compassionate Understanding of those that are different that we are. We are one community and it is the responsibility of each and every one of us to find a way in which we can serve. It is almost always the few who do all the work. Find your passion, get pissed off, write a letter, support a candidate that represents your views, and stand firm in your truth.

We have many emerging leaders and old guard pillars in Sacramento who are willing to do the work for your Freedoms. Dan Roth, Dennis Mangers, Dr. Derrick Lawson, Marghe Covino, Sam Catalano, Jerry Sloan, Dale Howard, Boyce Hinman, Matthew Burlingame, Michael Johnston, Tina Reynolds, Jolene Tierney, John Bennett, Todd Pritchard, Burns Vic, C.G.N.I.E., Laurie McBride, Kathleen Montgomery, Lambda Center, Paul Curtis, Ray Allen, Donna Mathews, Tom Pryor, Fairy Godfather's, Sister's of SCOTA, Sacramento Valley Leathermen, Sacramento Valley Bears, James Ozanich, Linda Birner, Ted Ross, Michael Sestak, Brian McMartin, John Mello, Tom Swanner, Will Bennett, Robert Bequette, The Depot, George Reya, Reverend Charles Cooper, Reverend Freda Smith, John Rambo, Pat Gaffney, Eric Astacaan, Lori Reyes, Larry Beaty, Claremundo Sullivan, Bill Crick, Dave Felderstein and Capitol Crossroads Rodeo Association. Obviously there are many more names that should be on this list, men and women who have given of their time, money and convictions to insure our equal acceptance in a world that, in my opinion, has reverted to marginalizing our rights.

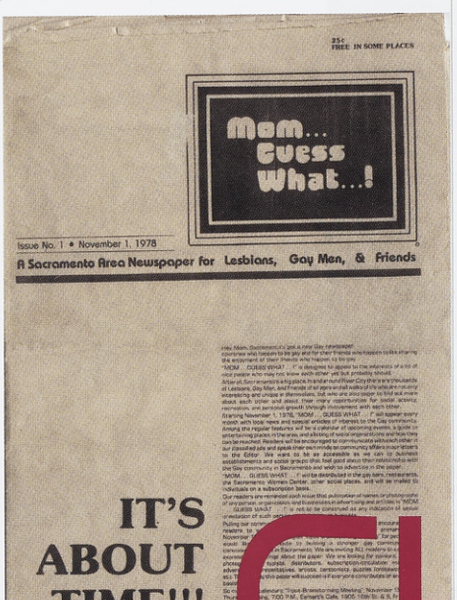
There is one name that absolutely needs to be acknowledged from my personal experience. You may know him as a savvy businessman who has profited from the gay community. I know him as the man I call when I cannot afford to attend an important political function. He is the man we all call when we need money to keep our organizations from having to close the doors or eliminate vital programs that impact the LGBT community. Terry Sidie has never said no. I remember a time when I briefly bartended for him at FACES and he bitched at me for squandering too many napkins in the service of a cocktail. I now understand why. Terry has supported so many of us in the fight for equality and those wasted napkins are money he could have saved to continue his generous philanthropic commitments.

I honor all those people that have passed on and gave their lives to public service. Selfless, committed individuals that we carry in our hearts and who remain there today.

I also know the importance of us old folks learning what is facing the youth of today. We need bridges and continued open dialogue. We are one community. We are in trouble. All of us together face the ignorance and wrath of a President who has forgotten that there was a wise and studied reason that the authors of our constitution specified the importance of the division between church and state.

We stand on a battlefield with special interest land mines waiting in the shadows. Wake up! We stand to lose everything that we have gained. Arm yourself with knowledge. Give a day or a month, a nickel or a dollar, a vote where it counts. Show up; spread the word that equality is not a gift but a right. Claim it.

ENTERTAINING. EXCITING. INFORMATIVE.


25¢
FREE IN SOME PLACES
Mom... Guess What...!
Issue No. 1 • November 1, 1978
A Sacramento Area Newspaper for Lesbians, Gay Men, & Friends
IT'S ABOUT TIME!!!

We've Come A Long Way Baby!

CHANGE IS IN THE AIR!

By Michael Shanahan

It was merely a year ago that Sacramento heard the news that Linda Birner, founding publisher of Mom Guess What! Newspaper was selling and turning her 28-year-old publication over to Jeffry Davis, an enthusiastic young publisher who was only a year old when the paper came off the press for the first time.

Davis has since struggled with a number of problems. The first was a lack of consistency with distribution and deadlines. "I worked very hard to make certain we were on the stands where and when we were supposed to be. Even when the office suffered severe flood damage during the winter, I made certain the integrity of the paper came first."

The second was dealing with the less than flawless reputation of the publication's recent past. "I was saddened to find that a paper with the historical value of MGW had such a negative image in the community.", Davis stated. This issue was a bit more complicated to overcome, but Davis faced the challenge head on. Slowly Sacramento began to warm up to the idea that Mom Guess what! Newspaper was once again an entity that strongly supported its community.

Davis is shy about taking recognition for the amount of sponsorship he has given through the newspaper in the past year. In advertising dollars, giveaways and cash donations, the total is in the thousands. "Supporting the community, and especially our nonprofits is extremely important to me," says Davis.

It was these positive changes that caught the eye of Terry Sidie, founder of Faces Inc., a company with a number of GLBT entertainment business interests in Sacramento. Immediately after MGW merged with another GLBT paper known as Q-Ragg, published by Larry McFall, Davis and Sidie began discussions on a possible partnership.

The result is Guess What Media, a Limited Liability Company formed to publish what has become a new and improved MGW. "It was a hard decision—taking a 27-year-old newspaper and changing it into a full color, full gloss magazine." But both owners agreed that the GLBT newspaper format as we know it faces a declining market and that offering the Greater Sacramento region a high-quality, low cost, community-focused newsmagazine was a natural progression in the evolution of the business.

"We as a community are evolving," says Matthew Burlingame, MGW's Editorial Manager. "There used to be a time when we would read, buy or support anything that was gay just because it was gay, but that's just not enough anymore. We respect ourselves and our consumer power enough to demand better—better products, better television, better theatre, and better publications. That's what MGW Magazine is going to give Sacramento - with greatly expanded distribution, a fresh look and a respect for our long history of community activism".

Both Davis and Sidie are excited and proud of the new Magazine and look forward to their new venture together. "Look for an expanded product, growing in page count and depth of content in every issue as we move forward. Our advertisers will definitely be getting their money's worth with this new format", said Davis. Sidie added, "I want to make sure Sacramento has the magazine it so badly needs, about all that is important to our market first and foremost. It will be fun and entertaining, yet focused on our own community in a professional, newsworthy and proactive way. This is a Newsmagazine designed for a growing Sacramento. This is not a Faces magazine."

Look for the new MGW Newsmagazine on newsstands twice monthly, with expanded distribution throughout California and beyond. Watch us include the whole community.

Let's talk about things.

Write to me, argue with me, agree with me, teach me, tell me stuff you think about and want to say to the "powers that be" whoever they are. Let's have a dialogue. Thought and philosophy is evolutionary - it develops over time - that accounts for the "mood swings."

MOOD SWINGS

by M.R. Covino

We can't guarantee that we'll think or feel the same way about things all the time, every time – but people in our community need to communicate. So tell me – what's goin' on with you? Here's something that going on with me....

The other day we were talking about the "climate" in California – the possibility that 30 years of civil rights work – domestic partners, adoption, employment, benefits, housing etc., is now in jeopardy if the Voters' Right To Protect Marriage Initiative passes in the next election. I haven't seen such deer-in-the-headlights looks on people's faces since the Briggs Initiative (to prohibit gay teachers in public schools) in 1978.

You may well ask, "How the hell did this happen?" I know I do. How do we wind up in re-active instead of pro-active mode, every damn time?

I think part of the problem is in the way we treat our front line leadership. We burn 'em out, use 'em up, give them little or no money, crushing responsibility and workload, and make them beg for money to be able to do their jobs, and then act surprised when, after they have a few years of experience under their belts, they get offered high paying jobs commensurate with their experience and abilities. No kidding!! Look at the Gay Lobby. The first set of lobbyists, here in the Capitol, was so underpaid they did house and yard work in order to stay afloat financially. By stay afloat, I mean eat and pay rent. And these were people we expected to represent us in a credible fashion at the Legislature. Then there was Rand Martin, who, after a few years and a great deal of developed expertise, became Chief of Staff for a senior legislator and he passed the baton to Laurie McBride, who, along with Sam Catalano, worked themselves into poor health and burnout, while the organization collapsed under the weight of its membership – while McBride kept the payroll for employees going with her own money. McBride, Catalano and the inimitable, high energy, Eric Astacaan went to work, you guessed it...at the Legislature where their expertise was appreciated and well compensated. Respect, money, promotions! What a concept!

For the past few years we've seen Steve Hanson here in Sacramento, with Equality California. He's now got some experience behind him and surely will be leaving us soon. Same story. No money, high expectations and constant hustle in a dead end job. Why do we continue to do this? Why do we keep doing the same thing(s) and keep expecting different results.

On the other hand, the so-called Rev. Lou Sheldon, Randy Thomasson, and countless others on the Radical Religious Right bandwagon, are handsomely compensated in their careers. They're lavishly bankrolled and funded by multi-millionaires and whatever other money they can extract from church members they've whipped into a frenzy of fear about HOMO-SEX-U-ALLS. The Sheldons have made the GLBT community into a family business. All of the Xian Right lobbyists and front people gay-bait and gay-hate, lobby, agitate, huckster and Elmer Gantry themselves to a fare-thee-well and are handsomely compensated for it. They've publicly reached into ethnic communities by cleverly using their ministers, letting them have a little limelight while privately despising them. But hey! It's not just job, it's a well paying career

When will we be able to give our people, the respect, gratitude and yes, money they deserve so we can have continuous expertise, institutional memory and the ability to fight the good fight without being outgunned and out-moneyed at every turn?

Or is it already too late?

CELEBRATE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

a partner under current provisions in the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, and same-sex couples are denied Social Security benefits when a life partner dies. Under federal tax laws, same-sex couples are taxed on employer-provided insurance benefits for domestic partners whereas married spouses receive those benefits tax-free.

In the wake of the September 11, 2001 tragedy, the Bush Administration refused to explicitly extend compensation to the partners of gay and lesbian victims. In thirty-four states gays and lesbians have zero job or housing protection, and throughout the United States voters are turning out to write discrimination into their state constitutions. Even here in California, the American Taliban is attempting to not only write discrimination into the California Constitution stating that marriage is only between one man and one woman, but they also are attempting to roll back all domestic partner laws. If this initiative passes, we will roll back to a time when gay and lesbian partners were denied hospital visitation and medical decision-making.

> Even here in California, the American Taliban is attempting to not only write discrimination into the California Constitution stating that marriage is only between one man and one woman, but they also are attempting to roll back all domestic partner laws.

Indeed we must make sure the American Taliban fails in this attempt, and Stonewall is working with our allies, both across the political divide and throughout the nation to defeat this hate-based initiative.

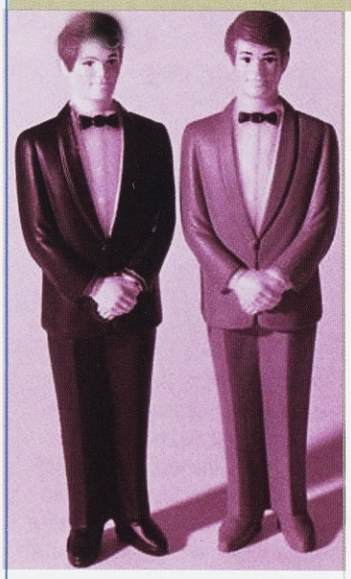
On a personal note, I decided not to seek re-election as President to the Board of the Stonewall Democrats of Greater Sacramento. Truly, working with Stonewall has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I could have never imagined that when five of us first met in September 2002 to start Stonewall that we would have been able to accomplish so many wonderful things. Now, with 400 members, we raised over $50,000 last year that went to elect openly gay and gay friendly Democrats. We sponsored the Sacramento Non-Discrimination in Public Contracting Ordinance, so now anyone who contracts with the city of Sacramento must offer the same benefits to domestic partners that they offer to married couples.

So, thank you so much to Sam Catalano, Darrick Lawson, Laurie McBride, Elaine Verbarg, Nick Velasquez, Ron Spingarn, Dennis Mangers, Andrea Jackson, Mike Johnson, Marghe Covino, Tina Reynolds, Ray Allen, Paul Curtis, and the countless others of you who have been my inspiration. Sacramento is privileged to have a truly phenomenal group of committed activists who work tirelessly for equal rights, and I have been blessed to have the opportunity to work beside you.

So let us take time to celebrate who we are and what we have accomplished. We have a lot left on the plate, but I know we will be able to accomplish full equality—nothing more, nothing less.

We Have Just Begun To Fight

By Boyce Hinman, **CHIEF LOBBYIST - LAMBDA LETTERS PROJECT**



As you must know, AB 19, the Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act, was defeated in the Assembly on June 2, just 4 votes short. AB 19 would have allowed same sex couples marriage licenses in California. As expected, not one Republican voted in favor, but Democrats were less disciplined. Thirty-seven Democrats voted in favor, 5 against and six abstained or did not vote.

Why did so many Democrats fail us? Democratic Assembly Member Mike Gordon was absent and did not vote. Other legislators claimed they won their last election by too slim a margin to risk voting in favor. But Mervyn Dymally, D-Compton, who abstained, ran unopposed. Juan Vargas, D-San Diego, who voted no, won with 85.4% of the vote. Jerome Horton, D-Inglewood who abstained won with 83.9% of the vote. Only three of eleven Democrats voting no or abstaining won the last election with less than 60%.

We should not be discouraged. Same sex marriage is a cutting edge issue. It takes time to get acceptance. For example, it took years for Assembly Member Willie Brown to pass a bill ending the ban on gay or lesbian sex ... in 1975. In 1984, Art Agnos introduced AB 1, proposing a ban on employment and housing discrimination based on sexual orientation. The bill was approved by the legislature, but GovDeukmejian vetoed it. Agnos later made attempts to pass the same bill, but not until 1991 did Assembly Member Terry Friedman get another version through—also vetoed, by Governor Wilson.

Finally in 1999, Assembly Member Antonio Villaraigosa (now Mayor of Los Angeles) got AB 1001 through and signed by Governor Davis.

Domestic Partner laws are another example. The first successful domestic partner law, AB 26 by Carole Migden, D-San Francisco became law in 1999. Since then 14 bills benefiting domestic partners have been signed into law.

Back to the marriage law ... last year's version of the bill (AB 1967 by Mark Leno) was voted on by only one committee. It had 22 legislators as co-authors. This year, AB 19 was approved by two committees and was just 4 votes short of passage by the full Assembly. AB 19 had 30 co-authors including the Speaker of the Assembly. Marriage legislation is making significant progress in a short time.

So what should we do now? We should prepare for next year's bill. We have just begun to fight.

FACES

SACRAMENTO'S **PREMIERE** GAY NIGHTCLUB EXPERIENCE.

we've gone WiFi!

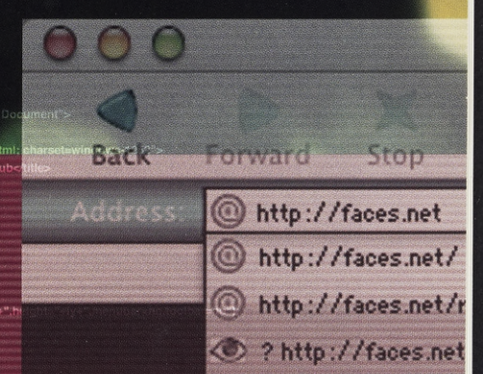
NOW A HOTSPOT FOR YOUR WI-FI READY LAPTOPS

The paid service wi-fi terminal, located directly adjacent to the main bar area in the front lounge, also acts as a stand-alone browser with email, gaming and webcam services. Or you can bring that laptop and follow the simple access instructions and surf anywhere inside FACES!.

And along with this we're offering a Special Promotion!

Use the terminal's webcam and take a photo of yourself and your friends ... email it to us along with your name and email address (kept confidential) at webcam@faces.net and we'll post it to the FACES.NET website!
Once a month, we'll choose one of the photos as our "Webcam feature of the month" and give the lucky winner a 30-day door pass to FACES Nightclub!
That's right - NO DOOR COVER FOR A MONTH!

(Please note that Faces is committed to the privacy of all patrons.
Those photos of people that appear obvious were taken without their knowing will not be included with this program in any form)



FIND IT ALL AT

FACES.net

& sacramentofaces.com

GO!

FACES NIGHTCLUB • CLUB 21 • BoJANGLES

FACES NIGHTCLUB 20TH & K ST
CLUB 21 & BoJANGLES 21st ST Between K & L

info line 916.448.7798

FILM REVIEW

SCREEN

Brother to Brother
Starring Anthony Mackie
and Roger Robinson
Written, directed,
and produced by Rodney Evans.
(NOT RATED, 90 MIN.)

BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL

by Stefan Gruenwedel

PHOTO IRA PFEFFER

Duane Boutté and Daniel Sunjata in Brother to Brother

The Harlem Renaissance is one of those artistic movements that easily capture the imagination. Like many other subversive attempts to shake mainstream values of the day, it combined keen foresight with wishful thinking–foreshadowing the nature of artistic expression decades later as well as being so far ahead of conventional acceptance that it couldn't help but thrive only as long as its founders could make money at it. Rodney Evans' film, Brother to Brother, puts a new spin on the movement that combines visual art, dance, music, theater, literature, poetry, and politics to tell America from deep within Harlem the story of the black experience. Langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston are two of the movement's most famous leaders.

As Hughes wrote in an essay defining the movement, they intended to express themselves freely, no matter what the black or white public at large thought. To test the movement's mantra, Hurston wrote dialog in her novels that mimicked the actual dialect and culture of blacks at that time, rather than conforming to usual English pronunciation and grammar.

The iconoclasm of the Harlem Renaissance resonated with Brother to Brother director Evans because he saw parallels between it and the self-defining struggles of the black artists he knew in New York. Identifying with those writers of the 1920s who sought to express their sometimes divergent artistic voices, Evans seeks in his film to acknowledge the diversity within today's black and gay and lesbian communities.

Six years in the making, Brother to Brother artistically weaves parallel stories in time between the formative years of the Harlem Renaissance as experienced by Bruce Nugent (Roger Robinson), and the chaotic life of Perry (Anthony Mackie), a modern-day college student struggling to reconcile his sexuality with the stark homophobia exhibited by his parents, who throw him out of his house, as well as intolerance shown by others within the black community.

As he gets to know the elder Nugent, Perry learns that this old man was once a sexually adventurous, gay young man (Duane Boutte) who shared a flat with the famous Hughes (Daniel Sunjata) and joined in sexual exploits with fellow writer Wallace Thurman (Ray Ford).

Perry tries to balance the opinions of an influential gallery owner with his need to stay true to himself. Despite the intervening years, it seems that issues of homophobia and internalized racism persist.

Brother to Brother focuses on finding commonalities between the generations, revealing their similarities to connect the two subcultures across the decades. Director Evans, whose experience lies in documentary film, wants audiences to realize that the past is a living entity that influences the present. Legacies do not belong in musty textbooks; they must be actively sought out, understood, and learned from. Harlan Bosmajian's alternating black-and-white and color photography and Marc Anthony Thompson's jazz-infused score keep tabs on each era, joining the two often seamlessly, but sometimes jarringly, thanks to editor Sabine Hoffman.

Winner of the Special Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival, and the Audience Award for Best Picture at the San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival in 2004, Brother to Brother is an engrossing drama that also knows how to entertain. Mackie portrays the student Perry as a thoroughly modern, likable guy who's accepting of his own sexuality, but disillusioned by others' reaction to it. He also lends him considerable sex appeal. For his part, Robinson gives the elder Nugent a playful yet serious quality that interacts nicely with the younger artist's introspective character.

The director's cut is available starting June 14 from Wolfe Video wolfevideo.com

PHOTO IRA PFEFFER

SWANNER AND JUDD

Brian and I looked back at some of our favorite LGBT films from the past. This year were going to take a look at all–OK some–of the LGBT films that have come out in the past year.

For me, I was really happy to see that *Guys Gone Wild* did as well as it did. When it first came out they were marketing it for women. The new set just announced are obviously for gay men. *The Big Easy* and *Dude, Where's my Pants?* They sure do sound a lot more gay then *Frat Boys* and *Spring Break*. I also really liked **Colin Farrell** in Home at the End of the World.

JUDD: I think the last year has produced some really excellent films, but it also produced some real dogs. I'm talking the kind of films that make a person think, "Why?" or, "How?" I enjoyed that *Guys Gone Wild* series, myself. It amazes me just how easy it is to get straight guys naked. I wonder what the camera girls looked like? I bet they're 250 pound wildebeests—just the fact that they might give it up is enough for these guys to get naked and jump on the bed. So what do you think was the worst film to come out this last year?

SWANNER: Where do I start? *Alexander* was just garbage, but what really made me mad was when Alexander director, **Oliver Stone**, blamed the film's failure on the gay storyline. Was there a gay storyline? Not much of one if you ask me. It's so typical to blame gay people for Stone's personal failure. Also *Testosterone* just pissed me off because it was so uninteresting—and that's with a full-frontal of **Antonio Sabato Jr**. *Die Mommie, Die* was also crap, but then what from **Charles Busch** Isn't? And *Bad Education* was just boring and confusing.

JUDD: What?! *Bad Education*? I ought to scratch your eyes out right now for saying *Bad Education* was one of the worst! That was one of the best films to come out in the previous 12 months! Boring and confusing? Heaven forbid you should watch a movie that you actually have to sit and pay attention to—not just hum along to the soundtrack while folding laundry. Maybe you should stick to watching films at your level, like that piece of trash *Eating Out*. Now that film is at the top of the list of worst films. Otherwise I agree with the rest of your list, though you left off *Showboys* and *Straight Jacket*. Both CDs of which have been turned into coasters in my home.

SWANNER: I didn't hate *Straight Jacket* that much, so I want it back. As for *Showboys*...smash it, burn it, destroy it! Eating Out was good and *Bad Education* was not. You still just don't get how cute *Eating Out* is. I guess you need a nice revenge movie that you can get behind. You only liked *Bad Education* because of the cast. Toss a couple of Latin boys in their underwear in a movie and you can't say enough good things. You are a sad little reviewer.

JUDD: Oh, please! *Eating Out* was horrible! I love a good revenge movie and Eating Out was neither good nor a revenge movie. It was about some clingy b-word, and her codependent fag; there was nothing "cute" about it. *Bad Education* has an excellent story, wonderful direction, and superb graphic art—and the cast ain't half bad either. The title sequence alone shows more talent and creativity than the majority of gay movies that hit the theatres this year. OK, deep breath. So, since we've exhausted our Worst Of list, even though your list has a title that clearly doesn't belong there, let's talk about some of the best gay films released this last year. I'd have to say, *Brother to Brother*, *Kinsey*, *Yes Nurse-No Nurse*, and *Goldfish Memories* in addition to *Bad Education* complete my list.

CONTINUED NEXT PAGE

ENTERTAINING. EXCITING. INFORMATIVE.

SWANNER: Everyone knows I loved *Kinsey*, but I also liked *Latter Days*, *The MO of the MI*, *Dynasty Season One*, *OZ Season IV* (yum!), *Eating Out* and my new favorite gay movie: *The Longest Yard*

JUDD: *The Longest Yard*—who would have thought that a football movie starring **Adam Sandler**, **Chris Rock** and **Burt Reynolds** would have so many hot, half naked guys and gay references? It's not something that I necessarily would want to see again, but I definitely enjoyed it while I was watching it.

SWANNER: This movie was so hot! I kept gasping every time they introduced a new character. The guards were hot, the cons were hot—it was a who's who gay prison fantasy. **Goldberg** showering was one of my favorite parts, but then again when all those hot guards were beating up Adam Sandler—it was a win/win situation for me! Besides the movie being a hunkfest that I would love to drown in, it was a really funny and fast paced show. I was really impressed with the way no one was above looking silly or too gay. **Tracy Morgan** playing one of the drag queens was a huge risk, but the cheerleaders were some of the best humor in the show and they never once played gay as a bad thing. Did you see the arms on some of those guys? Did I mention how hot the guys were?

JUDD: I feel the same way, though I wasn't a huge fan of the guards. A little too "Aryan Nation" looking for me, but all the cons were hot, and even some of those cheerleading drag queens were pretty hot, too. The movie was funny without being stupid, which is atypical of an Adam Sandler comedy. I never got bored even though it was a sports movie. The football practices and the big final game were all entertaining. The plot was a little thin, but who cares? There was half-naked beefcake throughout the whole thing!

> "You only liked Bad Education because of the cast. Toss a couple of Latin boys in their underwear in a movie and you can't say enough good things. You are a sad little reviewer.

SWANNER: Did I mention Goldberg in the shower?! Oh yea, I did. There were also some not good/but not bad, movies that came out like *Bear Cub*, *Touch of Pink*, *De-Lovely*, *Strange Bedfellows*, even the soft-core *Hunk Hotel*. *Issue 101*, *Group Therapy* and *Lock up* were all pretty forgettable. The grossest scene has to be the "golf" scene from *Lock Up* though. I'm still a little queasy over that one

JUDD: I think that *Bear Cub*, *Touch of Pink*, *Issues 101* and *Group Therapy* are on the list of forgettable. I think *Lock Up* and *Hunk Hotel* should go on a list of their own "Movies To Be Avoided" list. I mean, you and I can disagree on things and we can say some movies are good and some movies are bad, and ultimately it is up to readers to decide who they want to listen to, but *Lock Up* and *Hunk Hotel* are two that shouldn't even exist, let alone be rated as bad or good.

SWANNER: I just don't think you can make a blanket statement like that, I'm sure some folks will really like both these films. *Hunk Hotel* is awful, but it's 70 minutes of good-looking guys just being naked and Lock Up isn't terrible if you have a lot of prison fantasies—which after *The Longest Yard*, I guess I do. Maybe if both of those films were from Mexico or Spain you may have liked them better.

JUDD: Well! It's apparent that since you even say a positive word about *Hunk Hotel* that as long as it has a shirtless man in it, it passes muster for you. Regardless of the fact that it has no plot and was taped with a consumer camcorder with 99 cent tapes on EP mode. I've seen triple-dubbed porn with better picture quality! I have a hard time believing that someone would pay up to $24.99 for grainy video of naked men that never have sex! If a person is that hard up for dick, they'd be better off saving $5 and going for a Vivid Man 4-hour special on DVD. It's better quality, less expensive, and I'm sure it's more interesting! However, you're right—just because I'm not into watching a fist shoved down someone's throat, or five guys playing spit-golf into another guys mouth, doesn't mean that some of our readers wouldn't want to see it.

SWANNER: My aren't we hostile today? Take that $5 you saved and buy someone available a drink at the Merc, 'cause I think what you need is to get laid! Overall I think it was a pretty mediocre year for LGBT movies in general. Here's hoping that by next Pride we have only fabulous things to talk about...like the DVD release of The Longest Yard!

JUDD: I'm not holding my breath.

sixteen ENTERTAINING. EXCITING. INFORMATIVE.

TELEVISION

QUEER AS FOLK KICKS OFF FINAL SEASON

Showtime's landmark, signature dramatic series Queer As Folk returns for its fifth and final season May 22 at 10pm ET/PT with a special two-hour premiere.

As provocative as ever, *Queer As Folk* is without question the no-holds-barred show that made television history as the first hour-long weekly drama to portray the gay community with honesty and relevance. The fifth season not only showcases *Queer As Folk*'s trademark sexuality, but also important, timely and controversial issues with a candor rarely seen on television.

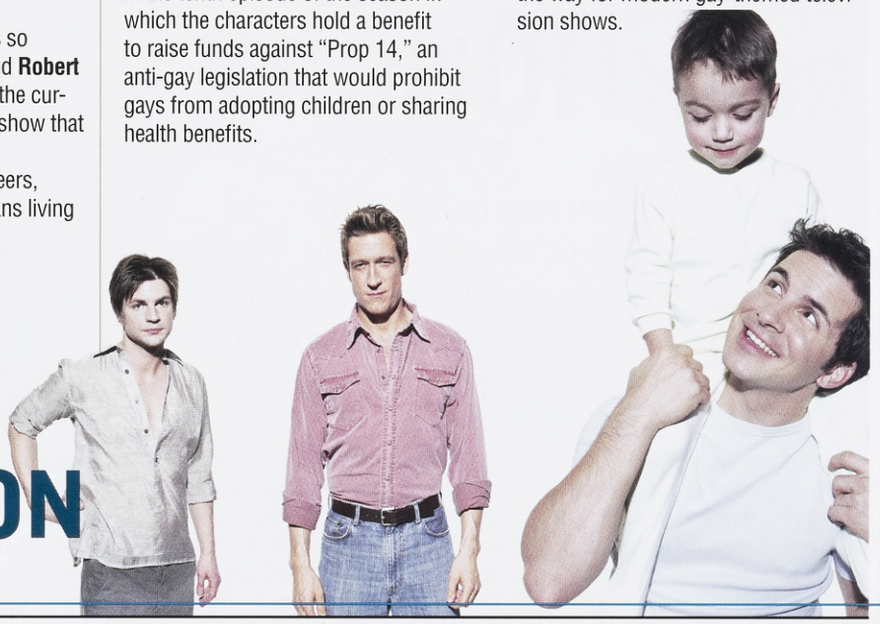
"Never before in television history has there been a series so daring and historically significant to the gay community," said **Robert Greenblatt**, Showtime's President of Entertainment, "and in the current television climate, it's unlikely that there will be another show that breaks the boundaries like *Queer As Folk* has done."

Each hour-long episode focuses on the relationships, careers, loves and ambitions of a group of young gay men and lesbians living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Stars **Rosie O'Donnell** and **Cyndi Lauper** make special guest appearances this season to support the show. In a three-episode arc, O'Donnell plays "Loretta Pye," a timid woman who escapes her abusive husband by taking a job at the Liberty Diner where, under Debbie Novotny's (**Sharon Gless**) guidance, Loretta discovers an inner strength and a crush on her mentor. Lauper appears in the tenth episode of the season in which the characters hold a benefit to raise funds against "Prop 14," an anti-gay legislation that would prohibit gays from adopting children or sharing health benefits.

Lauper will also perform a new club remix of "Shine," recorded specifically for *Queer As Folk*.

It's not West Hollywood, it's not the Castro and it's not Chelsea. It may be a small gay Main Street with a couple of bars, a club, a few shops and a diner - but its reverberations are universal. In its unapologetic celebration of life in varied forms, *Queer As Folk* has paved the way for modern gay-themed television shows.



modern simplicity...

LIVING SPACE Designs For Your Lifestyle.

1313 Broadway • Sacramento 446.9367

Mon-Sat 10-7PM | Sun 10-5PM | Wed Closed

an eclectic assortment of asian, contemporary, exotic, traditional and outdoor wicker furniture

...meets casual elegance.

YOUR ACCOUNTING NEEDS DON'T END APRIL 15TH.

WE OFFER SOLUTIONS FOR THE OTHER 364 DAYS TOO.

GUY CROUCH, EA
Tax Professional
916.397.9488
Lic. No. 81910

ROCK HUNGRY

by Matthew Burlingame

Gina Livingston may be one of the hottest performers in Sacramento, but underneath the rock star persona, lurks an approachable, fun-loving, high-spirited singer who is proud to be a living-out-loud lesbian.

Livingston sits with a relaxed slump, her teal earrings and matching t-shirt contrasting a pair of tight jeans split open at the bottom of each leg. Her hair is tousled, eyes twinkling, and her smile wide and mischievous. She fires off several wisecracks to the publisher before settling down for a one on one.

Since she was young, she has been a woman obsessed with music. Whether playing drums to songs when she was a 7 year old, to strumming her guitar in front of a roomful of rock-hungry lesbians, for Livingston, music is a passion she lives and breathes every day of her life.

She first realized her attraction to women as a preteen living in Germany. "European culture is different when it comes to intimacy. Girls walk hand in hand and exchange kisses without it meaning anything. When I first saw it, I was in heaven! I thought—it's a whole country of lesbians!" she jokes.

Always open about her preference for women and music, Livingston has had a number of agents and friends, encouraging her to separate the two. "It was rough, I got a lot of crap. But I had to stay true to myself."

Livingston may not have been able to separate the two even if she had tried; women are her muse.

"Women have a very strong effect on me," she admits. "In all my songs, there are always reflections and stories—bits and pieces of relationships, women who have made an impression on me."

Livingston has made a name for herself locally by playing a number of Pride festivals, local venues and events, but she also has a strong following in Germany, where much of her family still lives. "I tour over there every once in a while, and I'm in negotiations with one of the large music management companies to do some new recordings."

Meanwhile the recording of her new CD has begun in Los Angeles, it's a project Livingston promises will have some fresh new sounds. "I'm branching out a little on this CD. I love that my fans like my sound, but I don't like being put in a box—I think they are going to love the new stuff, too." The CD will also reflect her strong spiritual side which she explores through meditation and Yoga. "That may sound corny to some," she says seriously, "but it's a source of personal strength for me and it's a very important part of me."

She glances at the time and bolts up, late for a painting-date with her current girlfriend, Maggie. In moments she is out the door, leaving behind the faint scent of perfume, mint gum and the energy of a rocker on the rise.

PROFILE CD REVIEW

RONI YADAO BETTER PART OF ME

by Matthew Burlingame

Sacramento audiences know her well from her former incantation as part of the group Roni & The Flight. With the release of her new CD, Better Part of Me, Roni Yadao is a performer who can stand her ground as one of the hottest up and coming female singers Sacramento has to offer.

Yadao's newest CD, Better Part of Me, made its local premiere in May at Club 21 with Jammin' Jo Productions presenting the CD release party. "Jammin Jo" Tierney shares a thank you in the CD's liner for her support while making the CD.

For her latest work, Yadao partnered up with three-time Emmy-nominated sound engineer Ken Gomez who lent his sticks to the project. Together with Larry Dennison from The Tonight Show lyricist Kimberly Gomez who contributed to several tracks, she was able to cut her teeth on the producing and recording end of the spectrum, taking her tunes to new heights.

"2005 has been quite a ride," says Yadao, "I'm really grateful to have worked with some wonderful people on this project. I think we've put together something really special and I'm looking forward to sharing this music with [listeners]."

And listeners will be grateful to embrace Roni's energetic and rich sound on this new disc. To learn more about Roni, or to get your own copy of Better Part of Me, click on roniyadaomusic.com

GOLDEN BOY

Ari Gold is the most famous singer you've never heard of. It might be because he is just starting to become a gay-household name on the West Coast. But make no mistake about it, this dichotomous performer will have audiences on every coast chanting his name and selling their mothers for concert tickets.

One of the most unique and compelling factors of this incredible performer is that he is both an out and proud gay man, and an out and proud Jewish-gay man. Gold wears both his sexuality and his religion with pride and is adamant that the two fit together just fine.

Born and raised in the Bronx, Gold was discovered singing at his brothers bar-mitzva at the age of five. From there it was a strong of Children's song festivals, children's records, cartoon voice-overs and working with stars like Diana Ross. Then gold had to face what all gay teens eventually must: coming out. "I came out to my first friend when I was 16, and then I came out to my girlfriend a year later when I was 17," Gold says. "When I was 18, I came out to everyone else and my family."

Despite positive reactions from his family and friends, he still faces prejudice and racism from the music industry. "People who are in positions of power have been the ones that do not want to give me a chance because they think I am too gay or too Jewish or too this, but the fans are always receptive," he says. "When they see something that is honest and real and something coming from the heart, that's what people want to see."

After studying at Yale and a bachelor of arts degree from New York University Ari began performing his music at NYC hotspots, all the while recording material for his debut CD 2001 which would garner a number of awards including the Outmusic Award for Outstanding Debut Recording

From Genre and Next, Advocate and AXM and even Unzipped. Gold has become a popular cover model as well as a video sensation from MTV to the BBC. With the look of a supermodel, the talent of a superstar and the personality of a trusted friend, there is little that will stop Ari Gold from taking his place in the hall of fame, both in gay culture, but in mainstream America.

Ari has been at the forefront of the contemporary gay rights movement donating his music to human rights causes. In support of his latest album Space Under Sun Ari has opened for Chaka Khan and RuPaul. He continues to headline Pride festivals around the world and has performed overseas in Prague, Israel, Milan, Ibiza, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium and the UK. Ari is currently working on a book project, a live album and a documentary on his life as a gay pop star. For more information on Ari click onto arigold.com

PRINT

Erik & Isabelle
Kim Wallace
Paperback 224p
FOGLIGHT PRESS
ISBN: 0975584812

SOPHOMORE BLUES

by Ricky Anaya

Everyone knew about Isabelle at Foresthill High; her reputation preceded her. There were different versions to the rumors about her, and the ones floating around the cheerleading squad were the least flattering. Girls avoided her in the locker room, sure that she was checking them out, a game that Isabelle often played along with for her own amusement.

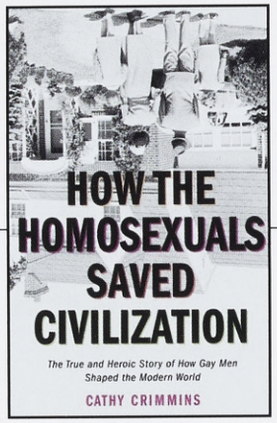
Being the only out-lesbian in Foresthill was a title Isabelle wore with pride. As she always said to Erik, "Might as well be notorious for something than invisible for nothing.

During his Freshman Year, Erik's desperate isolation and hunger for knowledge and friendship with those like him lead him to discover the power of the Internet. Secretly covering his tracks from his homophobic and controlling father, Erik cleverly navigates online to do research on the many persecuted groups on the Holocaust. A topic he knew included gays and lesbians, and a perfect excuse if he were to be caught online in a gay related web page.

Finally there's a groundbreaking book series that LGBT youth and adults can not only relate to, but truly enjoy reading. **Erik & Isabelle Sophomore Year at Foresthill High** is the second book in a series of four by Kim Wallace. It's a story of two best friends going through the typical journeys of growing pains, identity crisis, family drama, and romantic crushes that most high school kids go through, with one big exception: Erik and Isabelle are gay.

"So many kids who are gay, lesbian, [bisexual, transgender], questioning, or straight feel isolated and alone in high school; I want Erik & Isabelle to be a companion for them regardless of sexual orientation. The book isn't just a 'gay book'; it's a book that reflects the common experiences of falling in love, dealing with conflicts at school, fitting in, getting along with parents, etc.--issues that all students face," explains Wallace.
Several local Gay and Straight Alliance groups are currently doing book studies on *Erik & Isabelle*. Kim has also created a curriculum guide to accompany the book that can easily be implemented in full classrooms or small study groups.

The Freshman series is available now and the **Sophomore series** is available starting mid June. You can find both at: **foglightpress.com**



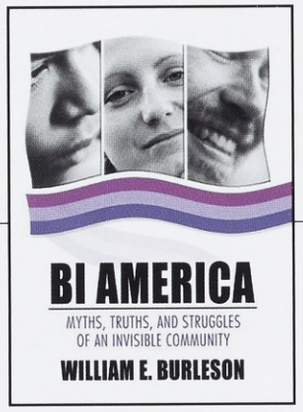
How the Homosexuals Saved Civilization

Cathy Crimmins
Hardcover, 216 pages
JEREMY P. TARCHER
ISBN: 1585423149

How the Homosexuals Saved Civilization presents a broad look at how an unusual "immigrant" group, homosexual men, has influenced mainstream America and in many ways has become mainstream itself. Cathy Crimmins examines how gay men changed the concepts of community, family, sex, and fashion - how camp, irony, and the gay aesthetic have become part of our national sensibility and hot the gay cognoscenti effect media and the arts.

The book is a shrewd and irreverent history of the customs, fashions, and figures of gay life in the twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. The "global queering" of America has gradually shaped the way straights talk, think, dress, and eat. Over the past fifty years, the line between what is "straight" and what is "gay" has blurred. Heterosexuals are now often unaware of these contributions to American culture.

The general public's tastes in food, fashion, humor, literature, and body image are becoming decidedly more gay. America has shown interest in gay-themed TV shows such as *Queer Eye*, *Will & Grace*; and *Six Feet Under*. It's hip to be gay, even if you're straight.



Bi America

William E. Burleson
Paperback 270p
HAYWORTH PRESS
ISBN: 1560234792

Bisexuals are often overlooked, ignored and misunderstood, by straight and gay society. Though many argue bisexuality is the norm - rather than straight or gay - those who live in "in-between" often find themselves torn, playing a role of one side or the other to fit in. Fresh from Harrington Park Press (Haworth Press Inc.) is one of the first comprehensive and realistic books on the myths, truths and struggles on what some call an invisible community.

Bi America attempts to gain an in-depth understanding of the unique struggles of bisexuals. There are at least five million bisexual people in America, generally invisible to straight society, the gay community, and even one another. While the majority of these people live within the straight or gay world, there are some who have formed their own community. Bi America: offers an inside look at the American bisexual community and gives an understanding of the special circumstances unique to being bisexual. The book takes the reader to bi community events such as picnics, conferences, support groups and performances to expose the everyday trials of this community. For more information http://www.bi101.org

CHILD'S PLAY

by Katrina Torres

I'm always a sucker for a good cause, and if it involves food or cooking, I'm even more apt to get involved. However, catering an event for 400 people, with no real kitchen, no crew and no money for food, was not exactly what I had in mind when I signed on to help plan the First Annual Paratransit, Inc./ ECOS Art Auction fundraiser.

Paratransit is building a one-of-a-kind, 24-hour, 7 day a week childcare center specially designed to accommodate disabled children, called Arika's Playground; and is part of a bigger project that will include Sacramento's first "green," special needs housing complex.

I was sent out into the world to seek out enough donated food provide elegant appetizers for 400 people, and the caterers or restaurateurs with hearts big enough to prepare it, gratis. No sweat, right? When you work for a nonprofit you learn to "rely on the kindness of strangers," but sometimes when strangers are not as kind as you would like them to be, you end up meeting the need yourself, which can be a real challenge.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm sure that there are many wonderful culinary establishments that would be proud to donate their time and talents to help build Arika's Playground, but unfortunately, most establishments were already scheduled—May is a busy month for graduations, weddings, and fundraising events, and since Sacramento restaurants are a generous bunch, they were booked up early.

There were some very generous establishments that were able to help us out on short notice: UE Sports and Grill, La Trattoria Bohemia, Elder Creek Market, Whole Foods Market, various wineries, and a great bunch of grocery stores and restaurants that provided gift certificates for the event raffle. Other contributors made valuable donations of cash, time or talent, such as Bobi and Steve Gould from Collected Works, Tony Hunt of the Braun Corporation, Jay Holzthuter of Creative Bus Sales, and Assemblyman Dave Jones.

Okay, now that I've given as many credits as the editor is likely to let me get away with, Let's talk food. This is, after all, not an academy award show (my apologies if I left anyone out), it's a food and wine column, and there was plenty of really good food and wine at this event. The menu was a bit labor intensive, but it was worth it. Lemon-Pepper Pita Chips with Roasted Garlic Hummus; a carved Watermelon Fruit Basket; Crudités with Peppercorn Ranch Dip; Caramelized Onion and Rosemary Foccacia; Cracked Pepper and Poppy Seed Crackers with Smoked Albacore and Dill Cream Cheese; Prawns with Spicy Cocktail Sauce; Cocktail Rye with Sliced Smoked Albacore, Red Onion Cream Cheese, and Capers; Crostini with Pesto Cream Cheese, Olive Tapenade and Fire-roasted Red Peppers; Spicy Chicken Wings from UE Sports & Grill, Fresh Basil and Tomato Pizzettas from La Trattoria Bohemia, and numerous wonderful homemade desserts, including Mini Cheesecake Bites, Rocky Road candy, and double-dipped Chocolate Covered Strawberries. With a little help from Paratransit and ECOS volunteers; the American River College Student Chefs of the Oak Café graced us with their culinary talents, and did a fine job of it, as usual. And I won't forget my former catering partner, Nancy Fischer, who only had to remind me to breathe twice. Thanks to everyone who made this a fantastic event!

CONDOM AD STIRS CONTROVERSY

Following reports that the makers of Trojan condoms want to place ads for their products on network television during prime time, the American Family Association (AFA) has launched a mass e-mail campaign and is pressuring members of Congress to keep the ads from airing. "Condoms are the line in the sand," says the AFA. "We oppose condom ads because they promote promiscuity."

Family planning advocates say such ads help lower teen pregnancy rates and check the spread of sexually transmitted diseases. "The more we normalize conversations about healthy sexuality and safer sex, the better off we are as a society," says the vice-president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Some TV networks (especially cable) run condom ads, but limit airing to late-night time slots after 11pm. Two major TV networks say they will break with long-standing tradition, and will run the condom ads in prime time. The WB Network will run the ads for Trojan brand condoms after 9pm, and NBC will run them after10 pm. Trojan's manufacturers say its talks continue with other networks.

THE FRONT

HIV NEWSLINE

by Sonya Cox

ACLU LAWSUIT SAYS TEACHING ABSTINENCE-ONLY ILLEGALLY USES FEDERAL FUNDS

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has filed suit against the Department of Health and Human Services, alleging the Federal Government has used taxpayer dollars to support an abstinence education program that promotes Christianity. "The courts have stated taxpayer dollars cannot be used to promote religion," said an ACLU attorney. An evangelical Christian ministry program called the Silver Ring Thing received more than $1 million from HHS as part of the Bush administration's program to expand abstinence-only education. Young people wear a ring to show others they have committed themselves to pre-marital abstinence and to Jesus Christ. The program's director describes it as "faith-based" but insists that grant money has been used properly.

DEATHS FROM HEP C EXPECTED TO JUMP

New Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) infections have fallen 90 percent since 1989, due to improved blood supply screening and less sharing of contaminated needles by intravenous drug users. According to the Centers for Disease Control, HCV claims 8,000 to 10,000 lives annually.

While the new-infection rate is down, HCV mortality is expected to triple over the next 10 years because long-dormant infections are surfacing among those infected in the mid-1960s through the 1980s.

Most infected people—about 80 percent—show no symptoms, thus delaying treatment and infecting others.

Current treatments are effective in about 50 percent of chronically infected people. Treatment aims to reduce HCV in the blood to prevent Cirrhosis, a buildup of scar tissue that blocks blood flow to the liver that often results in the need for a liver transplant. There is no HCV vaccine.

WHAT KIND OF A MAN ARE YOU?

"Are you the type of man who wears a condom and protects his partner from the risk of HIV?", asks one of India's biggest anti-AIDS ad campaigns. With two million infected women in India, the campaign has been created by Breakthrough, a human rights organization with offices in the US and India. Infections within marriages are the biggest cause of the spread of HIV in India. This is the first time that emphasis has been given to married couples.

India has 5.2 million HIV and AIDS infected people, second only to South Africa. According to Breakthrough, five percent of Indian women have comprehensive knowledge about preventing HIV and AIDS. Women are often not in a social or economic position to insist on fidelity in marriage or demand condom use, or refuse sex to a partner who may pose a risk to their sexual health.

Friends Lost in JUNE

IN LOVING MEMORY

JUNE 1985
Dan Rundle

JUNE 1987
Jim Ward
Glen Miller
Joseph Runzo

JUNE 1988
Ken Ross
Albert Frankie Cook

JUNE 1989
Gary Largent
James Patrick Lawrence
Thomas Williams
William Waller
Schonn Michaels
Marc Ellis

JUNE 1990
Tim Warford
Larry Miller
David Arlen Lewis

JUNE 1991
Tim Dollson
Joanne Ruiz
Greg Cheever
Dale Henry

JUNE 1992
Michael Bryant
Glen Humfleet
Eloy Garcia
John Msgrave
Bart Heck
Craig Mitchell

JUNE 1993
David Kessner
Joe McDonald
Kirk Rader
Eugene Harvey
Donald Behnken
Duane A. Russell
Joe Pitcher, Jr.

JUNE 1994
Nikki (Porter) Hiatt-Hamilton
Arlis Zimmerman
Dave Crowley

JUNE 1994 CTD.
Guillermo Pena
Dennis Tesch
Rick Toleman
Ricky Watson
Verne Oliver
Letha Knox
Michael Jackson
Roger Harlow
Rubin "Tito" Vigil
Thomas E. Steverson
Steven Mabs

JUNE 1995
David V. Nystrom
Marcus M.
David C.
Jack R.
Irene B.
Gary Simon

JUNE 1996
Larry Bell
Bill Spencer
Willie A.
Charles Evans

JUNE 1997
Bob Griffith

JUNE 1998
Frank "Cisco" Ortiz
Dore Tanner

JUNE 1999
Danny Freer (Diamond)
David C. Jay

JUNE 2002
Joe Lopez

JUNE 2004
Theodore "Theo" Marefos

FRIENDS LOST LAST MONTH

MAY 2005
Robert Davolt
Charlie Preston (Duke of Dragonlaire)

WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE BECOMES A MEMORY, THE MEMORY BECOMES A TREASURE

To add the name of friends, family, or loved ones to MGW's IN LOVING MEMORY column, call 737-0309.

The 6th Annual

CARES

Hawaiian Luau

Join us for the SILENT and LIVE Auctions!

Saturday
June 18, 2005

5:00 to 10:00 p.m.
1500 21st St.

Commemorating Sixteen Years of Excellence in HIV and AIDS Care

Tickets: $60 in advance
$65 at the door

For Reservations, please call: 914-6363

Many thanks to our sponsors:

aha ho'oholokolo
FACES
Performance Chevrolet ,MGW Newsmagazine

hapa nui
Cardinal Health

'ano nui
Abbott Laboratories • Countrywide Home Loans
Kaiser Permanente • PacifiCare • Outword Magazine
Sutter Medical Center Sacramento

Mahalo!

In the Mou-Mood to help out?
Call us and volunteer! 916-914-6325
or email jknox@caresclinic.org for details.

We'd LAVA to have your help!

Catering by Fresh & Quick
Bars donated by FACES

METRO SENSIBLE

More and more men are coming out of the closet – and revealing that they too, want to look and feel their best and they're turning to quality grooming products to help them achieve it.

Such is the driving force behind **Metro Male, Inc.**'s new line of skincare and vitamin products designed just for men. The products ensure that men receive the daily nutrients and skin-care necessary to keep them feeling great and looking healthy, while making it all as simple and hassle-free as possible.

"Personal appearance sends such a powerful message about who you are, whether you're at work or a social function," said **Dr. John Spencer Ellis**, CEO of Metro Male, Inc. "Washing your face with a bar of soap and shaving with a plastic disposable razor just doesn't cut it anymore for today's self-aware men. They are taking an active interest in looking good, living well, and feeling confident."

The **Metro Skin Care** line, including **Daily Essential Cleanser**, **Daily Essential Moisturizer**, and **Anti-Aging Eye Cream**, focuses on purification, balance and protection, fighting elements that work against the skin such as pollution, sun and wind. Its skin care formulas combine cutting-edge ingredients like Regin, which reduces the effects of UV aging by 86%, and UGL complex, a new proprietary material that naturally exfoliates without the skin irritation common in many other alpha hydroxy-based products on the market. The line also includes **Metro Clean Shave**, a glycerin-based shaving product, which helps grip the hair and remove it with an easy, slick glide. Its clear color gives skin better visibility when shaving.

Supporting the ideal of total-body-health from the inside out, Metro Male also includes a line of Metro Vitamins Pre and Post-Workout formulas, allowing men to "fill in the gaps" where a healthy diets are lacking.

"Metro Male is ideal for baby boomers endeavoring to keep their youthful looks, as well as image-conscious younger Gen Xers wishing to increase their appeal to potential partners," said Ellis.

In developing the line, Ellis drew from statistics that show a boom in products and services catering to men who desire to look, smell and feel good. The recent surge in popularity of television make-over shows has helped men realize the need to take pride in their appearances. Metro Male has recognized this niche market demand for quality men's grooming products and responded with its **Metro Male Care System**, a combination of **Metro Skin Care** and **Metro Vitamins**.

Metro Male is a unique product of its parent company, John Spencer Ellis Enterprises, a multi-million dollar group of corporations providing a wide variety of personal development products and services to every continent and more than 20 countries. For more information about Metro Male, visit **www.mymetromale.com**.

Check out the NEW Sacramento Monarchs

SACRAMENTO MONARCHS VS. MINNESOTA LYNX

Friday - June 17 7pm, ARCO Arena

[Dad's & Daughter's Night, sunshade Giveaway]

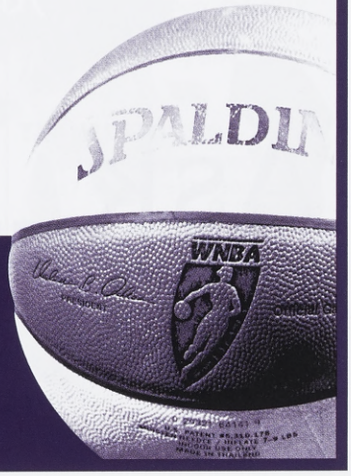
SACRAMENTO MONARCHS VS. CONNECTICUT SUN

Friday - June 24 7pm, ARCO Arena

[Breast Health Awareness Night]

SACRAMENTO MONARCHS

[MONARCHS BASKETBALL 2005]



For Tickets Call: 916.649.TIXS

visit SacramentoMonarchs.com for more games and times!

Dear Mother,

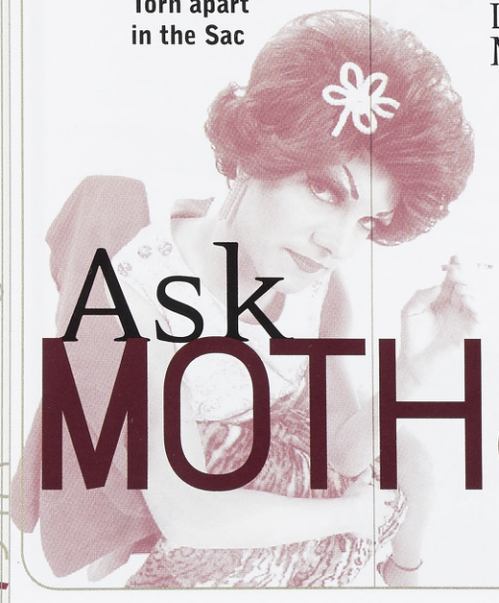
My boyfriend and I are struggling to stay together. We've been together for two and a half years—it's a record for me. Since our first date, we have fought almost every other day, mostly about who is right and who is wrong. We don't even listen to each other. Our arguments are not constructive at all. Needless to say, our intimacy blows. One of the remedies he came up with was to invite a third party into our home a la ménage a trois. I did not argue because I felt it is what he wanted. Recently one of the men, I'll call him Cheap N. Easy, needed a ride back to his car. During the ride I talked and he mostly listened. We did not argue. He was very kind, peaceful, funny and so handsome—and he's got a big beautiful rooster. With each passing street, I began to feel more attracted to him. He and I are now on the sly. With our circle of friends, I know my boyfriend will find out sooner or later. I'm being torn from both sides, my commitment and my peace. I've never experienced something so difficult. Should I remain committed, or should I look for peace?

Signed,
Torn apart in the Sac

Honey,

it seems to me you already know what to do, but if you need my help to push you in the right direction, then so be it. Dump the boyfriend. Whether or not Cheap N. Easy is a momentary infatuation, a psychological excuse for breaking up with your current beau, or a genuine love, is a question that will be answered in time. But the core issue here is that you have a dead-weight relationship with someone you fight with all the time. Regardless of whether or not you feel obligated to stay in this relationship, it is not healthy, and arguing from the first date is more than unheathly, its completely dysfunctional. I keep wonderin' what makes my kids latch on to people that make them feel bad about themselves. And bringing extra sexual partners into bed is a big red flag that should have smacked you in the face when it was first brought up. Go home, get your affairs in order, pack a bag and leave this chapter behind you. But take my advice and don't move in with Cheap N. Easy. Take some time on your own to detox and see if this new guy is what you think he is. After all if he would be in a three way, he may expect you to be OK with this behavior from him, too. Be sure to keep the lines of communication open and remember that your peace should be the most important thing on your list of things to do.

Much love, Baby!
Love,
Mother.



Ask MOTHER

tarotscopes

Dear Jessica,

I am going on trip to visit my family and I am feeling a little nervous. What should I expect?

Emeryville, CA

Dear Seeker,

I see in the past that you have avoided your family, evidenced by the 4 of Swords. I know family stuff can be so difficult. I have anxiety about it, too! But if you resist the urge to turn it into a power struggle (the Devil card) and if you are able to really push through your fear, the conflicted feeling you have about your family will begin to change. They may not change overnight- just trust that the flow is already happening (evidenced by the Ace of Swords and the 8 of Pentacles as outcome cards.) You don't know what to expect, as I can see by the Moon, so don't automatically expect the worst. We tend to create our expectations. Try, instead, to trust that this is a good move on your part.

Dear Jessica,

I just started a new job, and I'm nervous. Before I left my old job, a few of my colleagues raised eyebrows about my new firm. Now that I'm there, I am starting to worry about my switch. Did I make a huge mistake?

San Francisco

Dear Seeker,

No you did NOT make any mistake here, but you do have to be careful in the new office regarding how you present the concerns that will certainly arise. Your position is coming up as 2 of Wands, a good card for any new venture. But your crossing, or problem card, is the 10 of Pentacles. This card shows me that your concerns are along the lines of, "Will I have job security? Will they be able to pay me?" The answer to both questions is yes, as you have the World as your foundation, but the world is also about wanting it all, and frankly, you're not going to get it all in the first week—that includes answers. In the past, you've used your Strength to adapt to difficult situations, but you feel as though your skills are failing you now. I'm not sure why, because it seems like your fears are based on a lot of empty gossip (4 of Cups.) Your best bet in the next few days is to be the Fool and explore your surroundings with open eyes and open mind. Long term? Queen of Swords- telling the truth and asking hard questions are dirty jobs, but somebody's got to do them.

Dear Jessica,

My best friend of 10 years married a man who is a very conservative Muslim. I have been nothing but respectful of him and his views, and yet he encourages her to break off our friendship with me because I am a lesbian. She and I have never hooked up, by the way, we've just been platonic friends all along, so he has nothing to worry about. What will come of this?

Emeryville, CA

Dear Seeker,

I'm afraid you have to let this relationship go for a time. They see you as the Devil card—highly sexually charged and thus a threat to their relationship—and not because of their religious views, either. Their fear of you is more along the lines of jealousy of you (on her part) and his own insecurity about his wife having a lesbian best friend. I see you as having experience with situations like these before- where someone you loved (probably your mother because you have both the Queen of Pentacles AND the Empress) was involved with a man who wanted her to change.

You will not convince either of them to accept you and your choices in life, because they are both deeply insecure in their own lives and choices. And I just want to reiterate that this has nothing to do with who you are, or even with their religion—many Muslim men and women have learned to reconcile their beliefs with a westernized culture that has a large queer population. Just wait for them to grow up a little and learn some self-confidence, and then you will be able to resume a friendship.

sixtwenty
ENTERTAINING. EXCITING. INFORMATIVE.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

AIDS SERVICES
Breaking Barriers: 2020 V Street, 447-AIDS
C.A.R.E.S.: 1500 21st Street, 443-3299
Heart to Heart Emotional Support Group: 386-2504
Metropolitan Community Center For AIDS: 447-2444
Names Project, AIDS Memorial Quilt: 3104 O St., PMB 357, 484-5646
Sac. County DHHS/Health Education Unit, HIV Hotline: 446-2694

ASSOCIATIONS
Alcoholics Anonymous: 2631B Riverside Blvd., Dan, 486-0331
Capital City Hoopsters: gaybasketball.com
Capital City Squares: CapitalCitySqrs@aol.com, 929-8697
Capital City Volleyball League www.Sacvball.com
CAP/PAC, Capitol Political Action Committee: 736-2722
Female to Male Sacramento: 646-1417, kpboxer@yahoo.com
Frontrunners & Walkers: 974-8199, frontrunners.org
Gay Fathers of Sacramento: 457-1812
Gay & Lesbian Sierrans: gls_motherlode@yahoo.com
Lambda Letters Project: 728-1261, lambdalp@aol.com
Log Cabin Republicans: www.lcrsac.com
Outdoor Adventures of Sac.: oas_news@hotmail.com
Rainbow Bridge Speakers: Paula, 658-0892
Rainbow Chamber of Commerce: 551-3832
Sac. Area Rainbow Families: 863-0852
Sac. Area Women's Community Network: 451-8034, sacwn.com
Sacramento Arts & Games Association: 451-8663
SacLEGAL: geocities.com/West Hollywood/Park/3103
Sac. Valley Pozabilities: 564-1790, sacramentovalleypozabilities@yahoo.com
Sexual Compulsives Anonymous: 712-0529, sca-recovery.org
Sisters of Scota Women's Motorcycle Club: 725-9467
Valley Knights Motorcycle Club: 455-6540

AUCTION
The Auction House: 10076 Mills Station Road, 361-8491

ATTORNEYS
Teichert & Associates: 1322 F St., 441-4410

AUTOMOTIVE
Capitol City European: 1725 33rd St., 452-5811
Cuilla Brothers Body Shop: 2413 J St., 443-6323

BARS & NIGHTCLUBS
Bo Jangles: 1119 21st Street, 448-0706
Club 21: 1119 21st Street, 443-1537
Faces: 2000 K Street, 448-7798
Headhunters: 1930 K Street, 448-0706
The Bolt: 2560 Boxwood, 649-8420
The Depot: 2001 K Street, 441-6823

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
District 1: Roger Dickinson, 874-5485
District 2: Illa Collin, 874-5481
District 3: Susan Peters, 874-5471
District 4: Roberta MacGlashan, 874-5491
District 5: Don Nottoli, 874-5465

CATERING
Dramatic Catering & Event Planning: 670-3286

CEMETARY/MORTUARY
East Lawn Memorial Park & Mortuaries: 732-2000

CHIROPRACTIC
Chaney Chiropractic & Rehab: 1614 X St., #B, 326-4466

CHURCHES
Cathedral of Promise MCC: 10500 Chaplain Ave., 364-4325
Dignity: 2529 K St., 492-6452

CITY COUNCIL
City Hall Room 205, 915 I Street
City Council Session Call-In, 264-8255
Mayor Heather Fargo: 808-5300
District 1: Ray Tretheway, 808-7001
District 2: Sandy Sheedy, 808-7002
District 3: Steve Cohn, 808-7003
District 4: Robert King Fong, 808-7004
District 5: Lauren Hammond, 808-7005
District 6: Kevin McCarty, 808-7006
District 7: Robbie Waters, 808-7007
District 8: Bonnie Pannell, 808-7008

CITY PARKS
City Park Reservations: 277-6060

DIRECTORY
Valley Rainbow Pages: 3104 O Street #325, 444-2322

DOCTORS
Dr. Michael DuPratt: 813 30th St., 447-2951

DRY CLEANERS
Freeport Cleaners: 2001 4th St., 442-2838

FINANCIAL SERVICES
Killick Financial Services: 2321 Lloyd Lane., 486-8985

GARDENING
English Garden Care: 489-8903

GLASS
Bob's Glass: 2415 23rd St., near Broadway, 739-8244

GLBTI RESOURCES
Lambda Community Center: 1927 L St., 442-0185
UC Davis GLBT Resource Center University House Annex: One Shields Ave, Davis, 530-752-2452

GROCERIES
Davis Co-Op: 620 G St.,Davis, 530-758-2267
Taylor's Market: 2900 Freeport Blvd., 443-6881

HALLS – MEETING PLACES
Channel 6, KVIE, Ose Community Room: 2595 Capital. Oaks Drive, 929-5843
Musicians Hall: 1925 Del Paso Blvd., 565-2500

LIBRARY - ARCHIVES
L.L.A.C.E.: (GLBT Library & Archives): 1414 21st, 492-0558

NEWSPAPERS
CA Job Journal
2033 Howe Ave., #100, 925-0800

OPTOMETRISTS
Dr. Cameron Yee: 6407 Riverside Blvd., 395-0673

PET CARE
Clip Shop: 2631 A Riverside Blvd., 447-0393
Fur People Pet Sitting: 457-1655
Happy Tails Pets: 556-1155
Labrador Retriever Rescue: 209-951-3697, labrescue.org

REAL ESTATE
Cook Realty: Charon Jenner, 4305 Freeport Blvd, 763-1781
Pfingst Realty: 9978 Folsom Blvd., 362-1166
Mark Whisler, Broker: Whisler Land Co., 446-6666
Rickert Properties: David Rickert, 717.2188

RESTAURANTS
Café Melange: 2700 24th Street, 451-2312
Dos Coyotes Border Café: 1735 Arden Way, 927-0377
Greek Village Inn: 65 University Ave., 922-6334
Hangar 17 Bar & Grill: 1630 S Street, 447-1717
Sac. Brew Pub: Town & Country Village, 485-4677

SHELTERS
WIND Center For Homeless Teens: 300 Ahern St., 443-1386

SIGNS
Sign-A-Rama: 3017 Arden Way, 564-4299

THEATER
Lambda Players, 444-8229
2427 17th St., lambdaplayers.com

THERAPISTS
Barbara Evans, MFC# 39825
2620 J St., 442-3556
Bruce Gunn, MFCC #M19480 : 418 Alhambra, 443-7171

THRIFT STORES
MCC Out Of The Closet: 3230 Broadway, 454-5019
Sutter Hospice/Roseville: 2120 Harding Blvd., 783-5509

TRANSLATORS
Access Language Connection: 1617 20th ST, 541-2300

VETERINARIANS
Animal Housecall: Dr. Nancy Weagly, 456-0967
Watt Ave. Pet Hospital: 3321 Watt Ave., 482-4084

ENTERTAINING. EXCITING. INFORMATIVE.

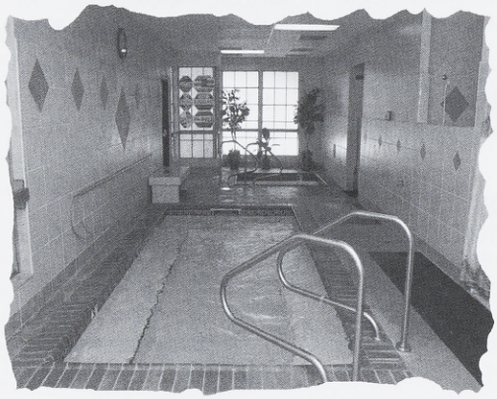
the auction house

www.theauctionhouse.com

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday Estate Auctions

10076 Mills Station Rd
Sacramento
361-8491

A MENS' ONLY HEALTH CLUB



- sauna
- pools
- showers
- exercise room
- massage
- warm floor

FOLSOM PARK SAUNA

916.363.1247 ¥ 9261 Folsom Blvd., #401
(Between Watt & Bradshaw)

OPEN DAILY
10AM-10PM

Give the gift that gives back!

Help yourself while helping homeless animals and assuring the future of
Happy Tails Pet Adoption Center
by establishing a charitable gift annuity!

Now you can give to *Happy Tails* and start receiving guaranteed income at rates typically higher than CDs or stock dividends.

"How?" you ask.

With a Charitable Gift Annuity:

- Receive guaranteed income for life
- Partially tax-free income
- Generous income tax deduction

Sample One-Life Gift Annuity Rates

Age	Rate
65	6.0%
70	6.5%
75	7.1%
80	8.0%
85	9.5%
90	11.3%

For information call Melinie:
(916) 442-2939

Guaranteed income for life.

Chaney Chiropractic & Rehab

Karen L. Chaney, D.C., Q.M.E.
Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician
Nancy Buck, R.N., D.C.
Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician
Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist

326-4466
1614 X Street • Suite B
Off Hwy 50 (Near Willie's Hamburger and Tower Stores)

VICKI PFINGST

PFINGST REALTY
9978 Folsom Blvd.
362-1166

Animal Housecall Service
Pet Care In Your Home
More Convenient
Less Stressful
U.C.D. 1977
Dr. Nancy Weagly
Veterinarian
456.0967

Dr.Cameron T. Yee
OPTOMETRY

- eye examinations
- contact lenses
- sports vision
- glasses & sunglasses

6407 Riverside Boulevard
395-0673

The Law Offices of Teichert & Associates

A Professional Corporation
(916) 441-4410
Free Consultations
Family Law ▪ Personal Injury
Criminal Law ▪ DUI ▪ Lewd Conduct
Felony ▪ Misdemeanor
1322 F St. Sacramento ▪ www.cal-law.com

Lorie Teichert
Douglas Whatley

EAST LAWN

A Family of Cemeteries and Mortuaries serving the Community since 1904

All services • 24 hours • Pre-need planning
Call for free information

EAST LAWN MEMORIAL PARK AND MORTUARIES
Jacob Streeter, Cemetery Manager

EAST LAWN • 732.2000
-Now, not later. Together, not alone.-

DOS COYOTES®
BORDER CAFÉ

Fresh Healthy
Southwestern Cuisine

Charbroiled Steak
Chicken • Mahi Mahi
Shrimp • Salads
Burritos
Daily Specials

Sacramento
Market Square at Arden Fair
916.927.0377

North Davis
Market Place Mall
530.753.0922

South Davis
Oakshade Town Center
530.758.1400

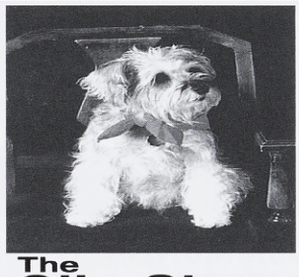
Folsom
The Creek
916.351.9750

Roseville
Rocky Ridge Tower Center
916.772.0775

Sun - Thur 11a.m.-9:30p.m.
Fri & Sat 11a.m.-10:30p.m.

www.doscoyotes.net

Killick Financial Services
Linda E. Killick
916.486.8985
Income Tax Prep & Planning/Bookkeeping/Payroll
2321 Lloyd Lane, Sacramento, California 95825



The Clip Shop
Pet Grooming
Flea Products
Doggie Dental Care
Do It Yourself Pet Bath
Also, coming soon...
Pet Supplies & Food
All Companions Welcome!
447-0393
7:30am - 7pm Mon-Sat
Delivery Services for Special Circumstances
2631 Riverside Blvd
Across From Riverside Club House

SIGN★A★RAMA
State of the Art Computer Graphics • Free Estimates
Pick Up & Delivery Available • Independently Owned & Operated

Banners
ADA Signs & Surveys
Ad Specialties
Architectural
Boat/RV Lettering
Vehicle Graphics
Custom Logos
Digital Imaging
Directional Signage
Golf/Event Signs

Magnetic Signs
Monument Signs
Illuminated & Neon
Job Site Signs
Real Estate
Window Lettering
Screen Printing
Trade Show Booths
Wood/Sand Blasted
And Much More...

SIGN★A★RAMA FULL SERVICE SIGN CENTERS

SACRAMENTO
971-0819
3017 Arden Way
(between Watt & Fulton)
www.signarama-online.com
LIC# 788403

WE HAVE YOUR SIGN!

SAC BREW
Sacramento Brewing Co.
Join Us For Our Delectable
Champagne Brunch
Sunday 10 -2
Town & Country Village
485-4677

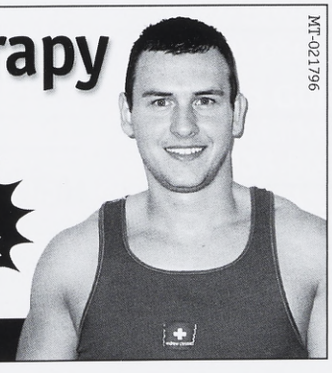
Donate Your Car
Change a Life
1-800-409-1996
Sacramento Children's Home
www.kidshome.org

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA... GET AWAY FROM IT ALL!
100% BEEF & SACTO/CASTROBEAR PRESENTS
THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
SUNDAY FURRY SUNDAY
AT THE BOLT
2560 BOXWOOD STREET SACRAMENTO CA 95815
916•649•8420 • SEE YOU THERE!!
COME ON OUT TO SACRAMENTO'S VERY OWN BOLT BAR FOR A MONTHLY PARTY TO CALL YOUR OWN! BEER BUST, DRINK SPECIALS, AND MUSIC BY DJ ROTTEN ROBBIE
(LAZY BEAR WEEKEND • STINK • BEARSGONEWILD.COM)
FREE ADMISSION! FREE FOOD! FREE DARTS! AND FREE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR GUYS WHO GO "SHIRTLESS AT SIX O'CLOCK!"
MORE INFORMATION AT: WWW.LAZYBEARWEEKEND.COM

STRESS ANXIETY RECOVERY COMING OUT HIV SELF ESTEEM RELATIONSHIPS DEPRESSION GRIEF
443.7171
Individuals
Couples
Bruce Gunn
MFCC #MM19480

Your Looks Are Important
Have your landscape properly designed, renovated and maintained by experts. Call for consultation, planning layout and design of any size project.
916.489.8903
ENGLISH GARDEN CARE INCORPORATED

Massage Therapy
• Swedish/Deep Tissue
• Trigger Point
• Sports Massage
• Reflexology
In or Out Calls
916-743-9123
Call Alex
Gift Certificates Available
MT-121796



BAZAAR

BUY. SELL. TRADE.

COMMUNITY

GLBT HISTORY—Past issues of MGW Newspaper are available on microfilm at the main Sacramento Library, CSUS Library, and hardcopies at Lavender Library Archives & Cultural Exchange.

EMPLOYMENT

DELIVERY DRIVERS—Dependable drivers sought to deliver MGW on or around the 1st and the 15th of each month. Vehicle required, truck a plus! Familiarity with the Sacramento Metro area also a plus! $100 flat rate per delivery. Call or E-mail your resume. 441-6397, info@mgwnews.com

AD SALES—Looking for a rewarding career where your motivation equals cash!? MGW is accepting applications for Ad Sales Executives. Applicants must be outgoing, energetic, go-getters and independent self-starters. Transportation a must, newspaper, advertising and/or marketing exp. a plus. Great Commissions! Resume to MGW: publisher@mgwnews.com

EMPLOYMENT WANTED

LIGHT BOOKKEEPING & SECRETARIAL SERVICES—Are you looking for someone to do light bookkeeping, balance your checking account, respond to correspondence you have not found time to answer, then call me. I work from out of my home. Reasonable hourly or monthly rates depending on services requested. References available. Call Marilyn at 452-5591 or E-mail me at momfar8@aol.com

FOR SALE

MONARCH'S TICKETS—Two Sac Monarch's Women's basketball tickets., 5th row, across from bench, many games, $69/game 916.324-6895

HOUSE FOR SALE—Lovely, spacious executive 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in one of woodland's finest established neighborhoods. Wonderful gallery designed kitchen featuring granite counter tops and upgraded appliances. Wood floors, French doors, newer central heat and air unit and warm colors add to the beauty of a special home. $525,000, Contact Judy Johnson, broker 530-908-2219

QUEEN BED FRAME—Wooden w/ Iron leaf decorations, good condition, will sell for $300 OBO, call 441-4813

HOUSEKEEPING

HOUSEKEEPING BY DAY-LE— Weekly, Bi-weekly, Monthly, Occasionally, Move-In, Move-Out. Housekeeper Extraordinaire, 14 years of experience. Phone: 375-1233

MASSAGE

HANDSOME YOUNG ATHLETE—Offers strong, skilled, healing... sensuous full body Swedish/Deep tissue mass. for MEN. All ages welcome. Scott, CMT, Midtown, 444-3068

MEN 4 MEN

GWM—Tall, good-looking, clean-shaven, bubble-butt, looking for male dom. top. 485-7806

PETS

ADOPT-A-PET—Faux Paw Kennels, call Claire at 988-6225 or call Mary at 387-8811
Clip Shop Ad
Nancy Weagly Ad
Fur People Enterprises

RENTALS/ ROOMMATES

LOOKING FOR ROOM TO RENT—GWM looking for room to share with other gay males, non-drinker, non-smoker, good housekeeper. 485-7806

MIDTOWN—studio apartment w/ garage and large yard in triplex at 24th St. & S St. Light Rail one block, convenient to freeways and downtown Sac. Walking distance to new Safeway & Sac Natural Foods Coop. No pets. $655 month+ deposit. 916.483.4915

STOCKTON HOUSE—$1400. Beautiful quiet 3br/2ba, $1400 feet, redone, quality taste, move-in ready 2/15, 510.482.9041, benokInd@pacbell.net

KAUAI LUXURY CONDO—For rent by owner $700; 8 days 7 nights, sleeps 4, ocean view, 2005 float week. Claire 916-682-2516.

SOUTHSIDE PARK BUNGALOW—For rent. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, charming '20's bungalow for rent. Newly painted and very charming. 1 blk. from the park, close to transportation. Remodeled kitchen and bath. Laundry room, and great yards. $1,300, + deposit. Call: 397-9488

ROOM FOR RENT—Large furnished room near executive airport. $450 plus 1/2 utilities. Incl. washer/dryer & cable. Share house and yard. Donna (916) 399-9512

HOUSE FOR RENT—2619 S St., 3br, 2bth, 2-story house w/ 1906 charm, modern amenities, granite countertops, secure parking, large yard w/ gardener. No dogs. $1695 452-2631

ROOMATE WANTED—GF seeks roommate in North Highlands area. Someone over 30, sober, employed. 1/4 acre yard and pet can be neg. $450/month and 1/2 utilities. First and last. Call 332-2431.

CLASSIFIED ADS – BUSINESS DIRECTORY LISTINGS

Part 1 The Data

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Part 2 The Money

Business Directory Listings	$15
Personal Classified up to 30 words	$10
Business/Service Classifieds up to 30 words	$20
Additional Words @ 40 cents each	$___
..... Subtotal	$___
Multiply subtotal by #___ of issues.....Total	$___

(Make checks payable to Guess What Media, LLC – Do not send cash)

Part 3

The Category _____

Part 4

Business Directory _____

Category: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Part 5 Content

_____

_____

MGW NEWSMAGAZINE
1103 T Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
V: 916.441.6397
F: 916.441.6422
E: classifieds@mgwnews.com

ENTERTAINING. EXCITING. INFORMATIVE.

JUNE 24–26 SAN FRANCISCO GAY PRIDE WEEKEND A GULCH PRESENTATION

BOYS TO MEN

3 DAYS TO MAKE YOUR WAY FROM BOYS TO MEN

THE BOYS OF BELAMI | THE MEN OF COLT

PARTY

Friday, June 24, 2005
VIP Pre-Party
6PM — 7:30PM
General Admission
7:30PM — 2AM

Food, Wine, Dancing and Silent Auctions
Music by DJ Rob Kaftan

Hosted by Jillian's
101 Fourth Street

Illusions by Christian
Magic Over the Rainbow

Advance Tickets
VIP Access $100
General Admission $50
Door Tickets
VIP Access $125
General Admission $60

MEET

Saturday, June 25, 2005
3PM — 6PM

Live Model Appearance
at Castro Gulch

BelAmi/COLT Specials

Tickets available for purchase online at www.boystomen.net and in person at

Castro Gulch
2352 Market Street
415.934.8524

Folsom Gulch
947 Folsom Street
415.495.6402

CELEBRATE

Sunday, June 26, 2005
Noon — 6PM

Live Model Appearance
at Castro Gulch
Pride Booth
(McAllister between Larkin and Polk)

A Charity Event Benefiting the STOP AIDS PROJECT

BelAmi® BelAmiO.com
COLT COLTstudio.com
THE GULCH SAN FRANCISCO COMMITTED TO PLEASURE
STOP AIDS PROJECT

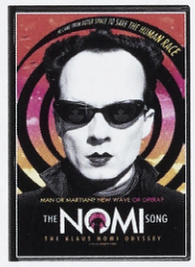
ENTERTAINING. EXCITING. INFORMATIVE.

TOWER RECORDS®

on SALE

Tower Celebrates Pride 2005

ANI DIFRANCO
Knuckle Down
12.99 CD



KLAUS NOMI
The Nomi Song
14.99 DVD

KEREN ANN
Nolita
13.99 CD

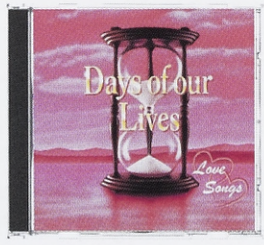
TINA TURNER
All The Best
21.99 CD

SOUL BALLET
All The Pretty Lights
12.99 CD

MICHAEL BUBLE
It's Time
14.99 CD

THE DITTY BOPS
Ditty Bops
11.99 CD

EMILIANA TORRINI
Fisherman's Woman
12.99 CD

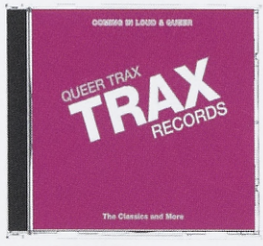


DAYS OF OUR LIVES
Soundtrack
14.99 CD

KYLIE MINOGUE
Ultimate Kylie
21.99 2CD

CANDYE KANE
White Trash Girl
13.99 CD

NEW ORDER
Waiting For The Sirens' Call
13.99 CD



QUEER TRAX RECORDS
COMING IN LOUD & QUEER
Various Artists
11.99 CD

PROMISES, PROMISES
Soundtrack
14.99 CD

ONLINE PRICES MAY VARY · SALE ENDS 6/27/05

TOWER RECORDS®
Tower.com

SACRAMENTO \ 16th & Broadway \ Watt & El Camino \ 5950 Florin Rd.
CITRUS HEIGHTS \ 7830 Macy Plaza Dr. (off Sunrise)
DAVIS \ 212 F St.

1-800-ASK-TOWER (Store Locations\Hours\Phone Orders)

ticketmaster

ticketmaster